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FRENCH LINER ARAMIS IS HELD NEAR HONGKONG

FRANCO-SOVIET PACT BECOMES TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Premier Announces Pact Details: Full Agreement At Early Date

LONDON, May 24.

THE BRITISH CABINET has announced the decision to conclude a mutual aid pact with Russia.

RESCUE FROM LIVING TOMB

Diving Bell Saves 24 From Submarine: 26 Die

PORTSMOUTH, May 24.

A REPORT received at 6.35 p.m. states that 24 of the crew of the lost U.S. submarine Squalus have been brought to the surface in the diving bell.

The Navy Department reports that 26 members of the sunken submarine Squalus are dead while 32 are known to be safe. Eight persons, still alive, remain in the submarine.

The rescue chamber brought the first seven of the Squalus crew to the surface at 1.25 p.m. thus achieving the first diving bell rescue in the history of the Navy.

The rescued men were placed in a decompression chamber, after which they will be transferred to the U.S.S. Brooklyn's emergency hospital if they are in good condition.

The rescue crew required a little under two hours to haul down a line to be fastened to the Squalus.

Naval experts said the diving bell can make only one trip each hour, due to difficulties in making connections with the bell hatch on the submarine, which lies at a depth of 240 feet.

The diving bell started for the surface at 1.18 p.m.—United Press.

Earlier Report

Aboard The Cruiser Brooklyn, May 24.
Semaphore messages from the rescue ship Falcon received this evening stated "Thirty casualties" aboard the sunken submarine.

Seven of the rescued men are reported to be in good condition. At the present rate of rescue Naval officials said the entire operation will require about 10 hours.

The seven men rescued included Lieutenant John Nichols, a 30-year-old man, and Ensign Robertson. They are still in the submarine.

Forty divers are on hand at the scene of rescue, working in relays. The diving bell is a metal chamber, cylindrical in shape, 10 feet in height and weighing 10 tons. It is equipped with decompression chambers. It carries two men, who operate a hatch which fits snugly over the submarine's escape hatches.

When the bell is clamped into position, forming a watertight joint, a lower hatch is opened simultaneously with the escape hatch on the hull of the submarine, thus enabling the trapped men to enter the rescue chamber.—United Press.

Save Living First

PORTSMOUTH, May 24.—Divers returning from the sunken submarine have reported that 26 of the crew are "undoubtedly dead."

The Navy's mighty rescue forces are ready to work throughout the night with order to "save the living first."

A sudden rush of water into several compartments is apparently responsible for the fatalities.

A "United Press" correspondent flew over the scene while the diving bell was bringing the first seven to the surface. The sea was calm and the sky was streaked with clouds. Seven large Navy and coastguard vessels together with numerous small craft are circling about the Falcon.

The bell first broke surface 10 feet from the side of the rescue ship and sailors guided it alongside with boat-hooks, when it was hoisted within

four feet of the deck of the Falcon, leaving three quarters submerged.

The seven rescued men emerged through a hatch at the top of the bell, which started down on the second trip at 3.45 p.m.

Wives and relatives of the crew offered a tragic contrast of sorrow and joy.

Some, whose men are still below, are pitifully crying while others are laughing and dancing with joy because their men are rescued.—United Press.

UPROAR IN COMMONS

Fears Recognition Of Nazi Conquest

LONDON, May 24.

QUESTIONED regarding the representation of British interests in Bohemia and Moravia, Mr. Chamberlain stated that on the departure of the British Charge d'Affaires from Prague on May 25, British interests would be temporarily left in the charge of the vice-consul.

The question of future representation of the British Government at Prague, and its bearing on recognition was being considered, and he hoped to be in a position to make a statement very shortly.

Replying to questions on Czech assets, the Prime Minister said that the informal discussions which had taken place on this subject did not imply a de facto recognition of the new status of Bohemia and Moravia.

"Another Munich"

Mr. Sandys asked for an assurance that there would be no de facto recognition without the House being first consulted.

The Premier declared that he could not give the assurance, and his remark was greeted with loud opposition protests and cries of "Another Munich."

Mr. Attlee asked: "Are we to understand that the Government is contemplating giving political recognition to the present state of Czechoslovakia?"

The Premier: "No, I did not say that. I said I cannot give an assurance, because it is not usual to give an assurance of that kind."

Mr. Attlee gave notice that owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the Premier's replies, he would raise the matter on the adjournment on Friday.—Reuter.

CAR WORKERS-STRIKE

DETROIT, May 24.—Over 70,000 automobile workers are idle as a result of a strike at the Briggs Manufacturing Company's plant, where a deadlock continues.

It is estimated that 24,000 are members of the United Automobile Workers' organization.—Reuter.

A Government spokesman told the "United Press" that the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, hoped within 24 hours to instruct the British Ambassador to Moscow to propose to the Soviet Foreign Minister a conclusion of a complete pact for mutual aid.

It is the intention at present to merge the 1936 Franco-Soviet mutual assistance treaty into a triple alliance.

It is also understood that the Cabinet has approved the provision obligating any two powers' armed forces to go to the aid of the third if attacked.

Mr. Chamberlain said all the relevant points of view had been made clear, although there are still some further points to be clarified. He does not anticipate any difficulty in regard to these.

Earlier, the Premier declined to give assurances that there would be no de facto recognition of the Czech conquest without the prior consent of the House of Commons.—United Press.

Geneva Conversations

LONDON, May 24.—Replying to a question by Mr. Clement Attlee in the House of Commons to-day on Anglo-Soviet relations, Mr. Chamberlain said:

"The House is aware that Viscount Halifax was able to have conversations with the French Ministers in Paris on his way to Geneva. He was also able to continue in Geneva, the conversations which had been conducted with the Soviet Ambassador to London."

"As a result of these conversations, all relevant points of view have now been clear, and I have every reason to hope that as a result of the proposals which His Majesty's Government is now in a position to make on the main questions arising, it will be found possible to reach a full agreement at an early date."

"There still remain some further points to be cleared up, but I do not anticipate these are likely to give rise to any serious difficulty."

Definite Statement

Mr. Attlee asked whether it would be possible to make a more definite statement before the House adjourned for the Whitsun recess.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "It is possible, such a statement of course, will be made. As I mentioned, there are some points which have still to be cleared up, and I think probably it may be necessary to wait until after we come back, when I hope it will be possible then to give a complete account of the agreement which I trust then will have been reached."

This reply caused an uproar among the Opposition members.

Mr. Hugh Dalton (Labour) declared: "In view of the continuing dangers in the international situation, we should not make these delays in the formation of a peace front."

The Premier did not reply.—Reuter.

Certain To Accept

GENEVA, May 24.—The report that Britain has decided to accept a pact of mutual assistance with the Soviet is received with reserve by Soviet circles here in view of Mr. Chamberlain's guarded statement in the House of Commons.

They feel that lengthy negotiations may still be necessary to achieve the complete accord.

British, French and other quarters, however, believe the report to be correct.

The French Foreign Minister has told other Geneva delegates that the British Cabinet is certain to accept the mutual aid pact.

It is also reported that Mr. Cham-

APPEALED FOR ASSISTANCE

FOLLOWING closely on the Ranpura incident, a Japanese destroyer yesterday held up the 15,500-ton Messageries Maritimes liner Aramis, less than an hour after it left Hongkong en route to Shanghai.

Despite vigorous protests by the Commander of the gleaming white liner, a Japanese boarding party of three officers and two men forced its way on board and seized the ship's papers and log book.

These were thoroughly examined before being returned to the ship.

Although the squat, square funnels and gleaming white hull, on which is painted a huge tricolour, left no doubt regarding the nationality of the liner, the Officer in Charge of the boarding party insisted on obtaining verbal confirmation of the port of origin, the port of departure and the type of cargo carried.

ABOARD FOR HOUR

The Japanese remained aboard the vessel for approximately one hour, after which it was released.

The Aramis is scheduled to arrive in Shanghai to-night.

The French liner left the Kowloon wharves, where she tied up alongside the P. & O. liner Ranpura, at 1 o'clock yesterday.

STRONG PROTEST LODGED

Sir Percy Noble Tells Japanese

THE "TELEGRAPH" is officially informed that a strong protest has been lodged with the Japanese authorities by the British Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Percy Noble, in connection with the Ranpura outrage.

It was reported from unofficial sources this morning that, as an outcome of the incident, British naval guards may be placed on all British ships trading to and from the Far East.

It is emphasised that there is no confirmation for this report, of which the naval spokesman at present knows nothing.

A sensational rumour was current in Shanghai this morning that the Japanese boarding party had seized three official mail bags aboard the Ranpura. The bags were allegedly on consignment to the military authorities in Hongkong. This rumour is emphatically denied in official military circles.

Yongso Interference
LONDON, May 24.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain stated in the course of a reply in the House of Commons to-day, that Viscount Halifax had received a number of reports indicating that there recently had been a marked intensification in interference with British trade and shipping in the lower Yangtze delta.

He added that representations were being made to the Japanese Government.—Reuter.

berlain, previous to the departure of Lord Halifax for Geneva, told the Foreign Secretary that he had decided to accept such a pact.—United Press.

About 40 minutes after leaving Hongkong territorial waters, the ship was intercepted by a Japanese destroyer, which hoisted the usual "heave to" signal, to which it drew attention by firing a blank shot.

About 80 sailors and 200 passengers were aboard the French ship.

Radio Appeal

The "Telegraph" understands that the Commander of the Aramis sent a radio appeal to the French Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Decoux, who is at Amoy aboard the cruiser Lamotte Piquet in connection with the Kulangsu incident.

Owing to the distance involved, no French warship could be sent to the rescue of the liner.

A report of the incident was immediately conveyed to the British naval authorities, both in Hongkong and Amoy, but no request was made for British assistance.

It is presumed, however, that the French Commander-in-Chief will launch a vigorous protest with the Japanese Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Kondo, who is also at Amoy. Representations are also likely to be made in Tokyo.

No Details Yet

The French Consul-General, M. Dupuy, stated this morning that so far his only information was that the Aramis had been stopped.

When asked if the Consulate would be making a report to the French Government, he said: "We have no details yet, so we have to wait."

War Insurance

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The Maritime Commission has submitted to Congress recommendations for legislation providing for Government's marine war-risk insurance and reinsurance, as well as the ordinary risk insurance Commission, which would administer the new services which were intended to meet the present emergency needs of waterborne commerce.—Reuter.

THE KING at the microphone.

BONDS LINK TWO DEMOCRACIES

KING GEORGE VI PLEDGES PEACE

WINNIPEG, May 24.

HIS MAJESTY the King to-day made what is possibly the most vital pronouncement on international affairs he has ever uttered, during his Empire Day radio broadcast.

"Canada and the United States have had to dispose of searching differences in their aims and interests during the past hundred years but never has one of these difficulties been resolved by force or threat," he said.

"No man, thank God, will ever again conceive such arbitrament between the peoples of my Empire and the people of the United States as obtained during the wars for independence."

His Majesty thereby pledged peace with the United States.

This incursion into international politics is another of a series of broken precedents and it seems that the King and his advisers on tour are entering a phase of more dynamic conception of the duties as a constitutional monarch than they have hitherto.—United Press.

Text Of Speech

WINNIPEG, May 24.—Addressing the Empire by radio, the King declared that civilisation in Europe and Asia was sorely troubled, and the Old World might look for guidance to the New World.

Recalling that Winnipeg City, from which he was speaking, was no more than a fort and a hamlet upon an open prairie when Queen Victoria began to rule, His Majesty said that to-day it was a monument to the faith and energy which had created and helped to build a world-wide Empire of our time.

"We often talk of the Old World and the New. It is one of the greatest services of the British Empire, that it serves as a link to harmonise the two. For a long period history was the mind of Europe, which led the march and fixed the aims of progress in the world. But that tide of inspiration is no longer running as it did in times gone by."

Civilisation
"Christian civilisation in Europe is now profoundly troubled and challenged from within. We are striving to restore its standards, though the task is long and hard."

"Asia too, is changing fast, and its mind is deeply disturbed. Is not this the moment when the Old World in PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

KULANGSU BLOCKADE

Serious Action By Japanese Navy

Amoy, May 25.

THE JAPANESE authorities have decided to prohibit the plying of junks between Kulangsu and the mainland after 6 p.m. to-day.

It is understood that the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. G. Uchida, communicated the decision to the Chairman of the Municipal Council to-day. It is announced that offenders of the prohibition will be strictly punished.

The Japanese authorities have reached the decision in precaution against the alleged "secret entry of Chinese" irregulars into Kulangsu from the continent by means of junks engaged in maritime trade.—Domet.

LATEST

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QUEEN MARY'S INJURY: PAIN TROUBLESOME

LONDON, May 24.

AN OFFICIAL medical report issued from Marlborough House at 6.40 p.m. says that Queen Mary's progress is taking a satisfactory course, though stiffness and pain is troublesome.

An X-Ray examination excluded by "a spot of dust" from the glass of any damage to the bones. The condition of the eye is improving.

Safety Glass Saved Serious Injury
LONDON, May 24.—It is learned that Queen Mary is suffering from a slight inflammation of the eye caused by "a spot of dust" from the glass of the windshield of the Royal car. The Royal physician is periodically dressing the injury.

The Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose may be allowed to visit her Majesty some time today, but it is not definite.—United Press.

THAMES-SIDE SERBS TO GO

"Ill-Kept" Camp Has Phone and Radio

TROUBLE has come to the family of Serbian "gipsies" who have been ordered by the Chertsey Bench to remove their camp by the riverside here within 28 days. Egham Council complained that it was noisy and ill-kept.

The six children of school age—Minnie, Millie, Nellie, Mary, Stanley and John Georgeovitch—came laughing and shouting home from the village school, but sobered down as they entered the camp.

Aged 8, He Liked His Pipe

A boy aged eight was stated at Belfast Juvenile Court recently to be a hardened pipe smoker.

He appeared on two charges of theft and at a previous hearing it was alleged that while at the police station he tried to get the pipe which the sergeant was smoking.

The cases had been adjourned to see if the boy would give up smoking and in Court the boy, who had to stand on a seat to enable the magistrate to see him, solemnly declared that he had not had a puff at a pipe in the last four weeks.

The Magistrate: Are you sure you had not one on the quiet?—No.

Gliding For Air Cadets

Seven hundred cadets of the Air Force Cadet Corps are to be given gliding instruction at summer camps. Although the movement was formed only last year, it now has 100 squadrons in various parts of the country with a total of 10,000 cadets between the ages of 14 and 18 who are being trained for full duties at R.A.F. stations in time of war.

The Air Ministry is to pay for the

Old Magda Georgeovitch, their grandmother, whose fingers are so thick with rings that she cannot bend some of them, sat on a heap of coloured rugs smoking one cigarette after another.

PRAYERS FOR BABY

"It is not the Court order that makes us so unhappy," she said. "It is that our youngest, a boy of four months, is sick in Weybridge Hospital."

Members of the family of 22 plan to go to the Russian Church, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., to pray for the baby's return to health. The Georgeovitchs all belong to the Greek Orthodox Church. Technically they are not gipsies but wandering entertainers. They speak Yugo-Slavian and do not understand Romany, the gipsy tongue.

All but one speak English fluently. She is the young and good-looking Serbian bride whom Georgius Georgeovitch, son of Magda and her husband Stanislaus, went to Yugo-Slavia to find last summer.

ANCIENT AND MODERN

Their camp is a strange mixture of primitive and modern. Caravans and wagons are packed, higgledy-piggledy amid a welter of rubbish in a tiny patch of hard, blackened earth.

But on the gate is the house-name "Riverside," and by it a letter-box. The camp has telephone, radio and water laid on.

The final touch of incongruity is a 30 h.p. sports coupe, 1939 model, beside a broken organ wagon.

Gliding instruction of 10 picked cadets from each of the first 70 squadrons. Each contingent will be given a fortnight's training, by which time cadets should have qualified for the initial licence.



This photograph of a cascade of much-needed water was taken on the Peak after the recent heavy rainfall.

Boxer's Daughter In London Town

IF Hormicide Henry Armstrong, chocolate prize-fighting champion from Los Angeles, wants to double his victories in England, all he needs to do is to take his daughter, La Netta, into the ring beside him.

She will keep the victims enchanted until her father has time to knock them out. Welter

or light-weights, it will make no difference.

La Netta has just turned four. She arrived in London recently with her parents and her aunt and uncle.

For three hours after she woke up the day after at noon, she worked on the English.

Her score was perfect. Every chance meeting brought her another enthralled slave—bellboys, chambermaids, porters, doormen at her West End hotel, a crowd of shy English children playing in the sand pit near Vauxhall Bridge, another crowd in Trafalgar-square.

Her technique is a model of simplicity. She turns her face, gold, with a brown bloom all over it, up to you. She laughs a true peccaninny gurgle and crinkles her button nose. She has not a doubt that the world was made to be enjoyed.

When La Netta was born her fighting father could not think of a name for her. Then her granddad, a Baptist preacher, had a dream about La Netta, and that settled it.

MISSSES HER PET

At the hotel she produced her doll, a peccaninny dressed in bright embroidery and beads.

"She's La Netta," said La Netta. "She all's got the same name as me."

Then she found the white velvet bunny they had given her for Easter aboard the Queen Mary. But she had something else to show.

She bunted around, shouted: "Mamma, Mamma, Where's mah aaaaaaangangs? I cayan't find mah East aaaaaaangangs."

At her home, a white, Spanish-style house in California, La Netta has a dog, Barney. "He's a chawow," she says, and she misses him. So she went out to find some one to play with her.

She could not find a chow. But she found Rosie Ring, of Tinworth-street, S.E., and her chum, Rosie Hicks.

They were digging their shoes and stockings off, in the sand at Vauxhall Bridge.

When La Netta, in her white coat and hat, ran towards them, they stopped their chattering, looked long, then Rosie Ring said: "Crums, where did you come from?"

SHE GRINNED

La Netta could not understand Rosie, so she just grinned.

Two minutes later she was showing the two Rosies and a crowd of other youngsters the inside of her little white handbag.

"Chickens. OOH, Chickens," she shouted when we got to Trafalgar-square.

She was not satisfied with feeding the pigeons with corn from her hand.

"Ah wanna carry him home," she said, chasing one after another. "Ah'm gonna get mah cawn and see if mah daddy kin get one. Ah'm gonna pick 'im up, and carry 'im home."

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Not until she got back to her hotel did La Netta turn back.

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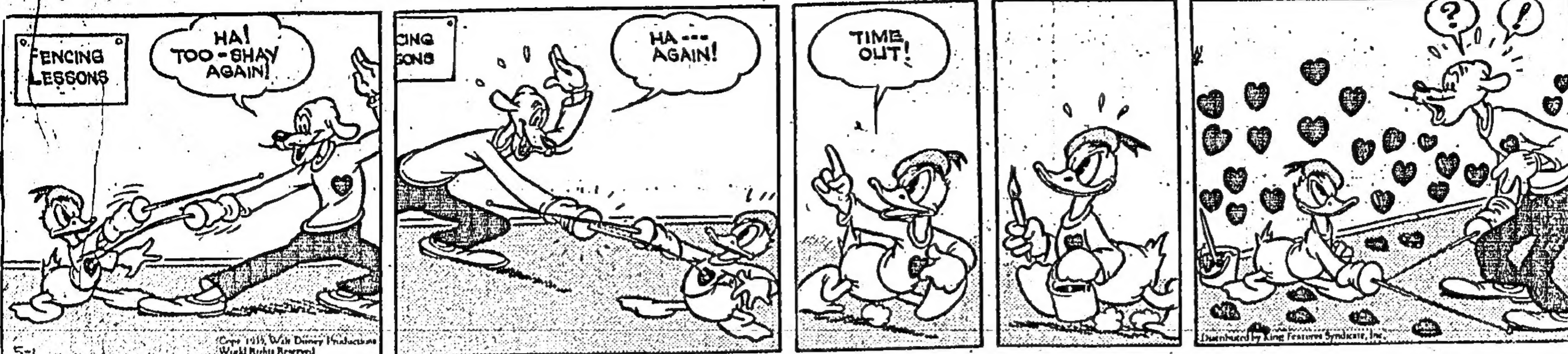
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EMPIRE DAY SERVICES

SCHOOLCHILDREN GATHER TO HEAR SERMONS IN CATHEDRALS

In accordance with the traditional part that children have come to play in Empire Day observances, special services for their benefit were held yesterday at St. John's Cathedral and the Catholic Cathedral.

Hundreds of children from schools, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides attended the services at which sermons with loyalty to the Empire as their theme were preached.

At St. John's Cathedral, Rev. A. P. Rose conducted the service, while the Lessons were read by Rev. D. M. Richards. The preacher was Rev. J. R. Higgs, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, who delivered a striking discourse on the ideals of Empire—Liberty, Progress, Service and Peace.

Mr. Higgs said: "To-day is being kept throughout the Empire as a special opportunity for remembering the heritage which is ours, the privileges and responsibilities which membership of the Empire entails, and for renewed loyalty and dedication to its highest ideals."

It is good that on this day every year you should come in such large numbers to the Cathedral to hear a message which is forever old and yet forever new. True religion and true patriotism are not antagonistic but complementary. Jesus Himself was the greatest patriot of all time. We only follow Him loyally if we are patriots too.

Now I believe that God has called our Empire in our day and generation to play a supremely important part in world affairs at one of the most crucial stages in modern times. There is no doubt that for some time past, the British Empire has again taken the lead in world affairs and in a way which makes one proud to be a member of it.

Uncomfortable World
I don't want to preach a political sermon to you this morning, but almost all of you must know that great issues are at stake in the world to-day. We are no longer, in the comfortable world of the late 19th century or indeed of pre-war days. Mighty and far-reaching changes have taken place that could scarcely have been conjectured even in 1913. In those days Japan was an ally, Russia was part of Christendom, though perhaps in some respects a backward part of it; Germany though militaristic and desiring expansion was still officially Christian, and Italy was not a menace. "Self determination" the catchword of the post-war world, especially for the smaller, near Eastern nations and India, was not thought of. Balance of Power was the watchword in foreign politics, and not Collective Security. In those days few had begun to think internationally or even the idea did not exist. Events have moved so quickly that scarcely any of us are alive to the present world situation.



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Empire's Progress
The second of these virtues for which our Empire stands is Progress. There are those who holly deny this. Imperialism, they say, is reactionary and out of the stream of the world's advance. Communism or some form of it will alone meet the requirements of the modern world. Any form of imperialism is built on the political conceptions of the past, which are out of date.

But here unfortunately such a point of view is confronted with the almost universal verdict of history. As a matter of fact, imperialism has stood for a certain sort of progress more than any other system of Government. It has often done it by force but it has usually been successful. All the great Empires of the past contributed something to the world's advance.

To-day, many of the things for which the old Empires stood are discredited by the best world opinion, but we believe in our own things and that to-day we stand for sound evolutionary progress in all departments of human life.

Some other countries, claiming to be enlightened and up-to-date, and despising Kingship and Empires as things of the past, have themselves failed to produce anything like the standard we ourselves have reached.

Democratic Empire
It is thought that liberty, equality, fraternity, democracy are only found in radical Governments. The British Empire gives the lie to this. It is itself the largest democratic and progressive institution in the world.

The third ideal of our Empire is Service. There is a story of an old gentleman who, seeing a small boy in the street carrying his baby brother who was nearly as big as the boy himself, came up and said, "My little man, let me help you with your burden, whereupon the small boy said, 'He is not a burden, Mister, he is my brother.'"

It is not overstating the case to say that the best thought in the Empire to-day looks on its responsibilities to the native races in much the same way. They are members of our great Commonwealth of nations. They are not a burden; they are of us. They have to be served.

That is the responsibility of the best modern imperialism. The swaggering, over-bearing, selfish imperialist is not only a menace to-day, he is about 50 years out of date. Privileges have brought mighty responsibilities. The best imperialism to-day is a serving imperialism—it is the imperialism of the British Empire.

And the fourth and last ideal is Peace. Not even the most rabid Communist could accuse the British Empire to-day of being warlike. It has, by every means in its power since the Great War, "sought peace and ensured it." And we all know that this is the temper of our people. We are the most peace-loving people in the world.

The maintenance of peace has been our sincere and consistent policy for many years. To-day we are being driven to rearmament by world events, but nobody wants it. It is a painful necessity. These then are, to my mind, the modern ideals of our Empire, very simply stated, and even so they are only partially realised. We have far to go yet. But this is the point. The ideals are Christian.

Mr. Alfred Noyes once wrote, "Hasten the Kingdom, England, Look up across the narrow seas, Across the great white nations, To thy dear imperial throne Where now 300 million souls Attend on thine august decrees, Ah, bow thine head in humbleness, The Kingdom is thine own. Not for the pride or power God gave them this land down; But, now the West and East Have met and wept their mortal loss, Now that their tears have spoken And the long dumb spell is broken Is it nothing that thy banner bears The red eternal cross?"

And the Cross stands for service, for sacrifice, for peace, for liberty, for love.

There are some people who think that Christianity is only one religion out of many, instead of being a way of living. Britishers are so terrible careful about being impartial that they often dispense with their own Christianity.

Christian Virtues
The most important thing I want to say this morning is that these virtues of tolerance, of liberty, of service, of peace, of impartiality, which they prize so much for our Empire, are themselves Christian virtues, and the sooner British people realise it and fly their Christian flag openly, the more they will be respected and the more loyal they will be to the King and the Empire.

On the memorial erected to Edith Cavell in London, are her words, "Patriotism is not enough, I must have no hatred nor bitterness for anyone." The Empire of Christ is a far

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: The market was steady with buyers predominating. Shares were difficult to be had owing to the absence of sellers.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,365
Canton Ins.	\$220
Union Ins.	\$435
H.K. Fire	\$180
Douglases	\$67
H.K. Wharves	\$107
H.K. Docks	\$17.00
Providents	\$4.05
H. & S. Hotels	\$3.60
H.K. Lands	\$35 1/4
Humphreys	\$7.00
H.K. Realities	\$4.40
H.K. Tramways	\$10.65
Star Ferries	\$66
China Lights (Old)	\$3 1/2
China Lights (New)	\$5.35
H.K. Electric	\$55 1/2
Sandakan Lights	\$11.00
Telephone (Old)	\$23 1/2
Telephone (New)	\$7 1/2
Canton Ice	\$1
Cements	\$12 1/2
Dairy Farms Ex. Rts.	\$21 1/2
Dairy Farms Rts.	\$15 1/2
Watsons	\$7.85
Wing On (H.K.)	\$41
Entertainments	\$6 1/2
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H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	par.

Sellers	
H.K. Steamboats	\$16
H.K. Lands	\$35 1/4
H.K. Tramways	\$10.65
H.K. Electric	\$56
Telephone (Old)	\$24

Sales	
H.K. Bank	\$1,362 1/2/70
Union Ins.	\$435
H.K. Docks	\$17.00
H. & S. Hotels	\$5.60
H.K. Lands	\$35 1/4
China Lights (New)	\$5 1/2
Cements	\$12.95
Antoinette	unq.
Atoks	29 1/2
San Maurilio	\$1.05
United Paracel	53
North Comarines	30

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, May 24.	
New York Cotton	
Opening	8.75/76
Closing	8.87/87
July	8.93/94
Oct.	8.95/95
Dec.	7.74/74
Jan.	7.67/67
Mar.	7.60/60
May	7.65/65
Spot	7.74/74
	9.83 N

New York Rubber	
May	10.205/35a
July	10.075/14a
Sept.	10.035/14a
Dec.	10.135/17a
Mar.	10.155/21a
Spot	10.505/52a
	10.710

Chicago Wheat	
July	78 1/2/78 1/2
Sept.	75 1/2/75 1/2
Dec.	78 1/2/78 1/2

Tuesday's Sales:—	
Chicago Corn	27,037,000 bushels
July	50 1/2/50 1/2
Sept.	51 1/2/51 1/2
Dec.	52 1/2/52 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat	
May	CLOSED
July	CLOSED
Oct.	CLOSED

larger and more wonderful thing than the British or any other Empire, and becoming good members of the former is to become good members of the latter. Real Christianity includes all lesser loyalties. If they are good:

That then, is the message of Empire Day. An Empire built on these foundations will not only stand the test of time; it will be the greatest bulwark in the modern world against the forces that stand for war, disintegration, and chaos. Napoleon was the founder of a mighty Empire. He built it by the force of arms. But in many cases Britain has too. But as Napoleon stood at last in lonely banishment upon the Island of St. Helena, he uttered these words,

"My Empire has passed away. I founded it upon the sword, and it has gone."

Jesus Christ established an Empire upon love and not the sword and it will last for ever.

We are all called to be loyal members of that great Empire, and then, under God, if we are faithful, we shall be better members of this earthly Empire which we commemorate to-day.

A Look-Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Occasionally, though not for some time past, we hear of instances where Europeans are cited before the Magistrate by their "boys" for beating them, and in some cases pretty stiff fines have been imposed on the defendants as a warning to them to restrain their anger and treat their ministering angels better.

At the meeting convened by the Governor on Thursday to consider the possibility of raising a corps of Rifle Volunteers nothing definite was arranged, but the general feeling was that it could be done, the best way being to form "hong" corps out of the banks and big firms as a nucleus.

"Hongkong, its inadequacy for actual and future requirements," by Carolus de Jesmont (a non-deplume), is a tiny pamphlet published by Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, of this colony. It purports to deal with the great evil—house cramming—and suggests as the only remedy—an extension of territory to be acquired from the Chinese Government in the adjoining province of Kwangtung. To us it appears to be the fore-runner of some new Lim. Liability Company.

A nicer day—that is to say cooler and more enjoyable—could not have been than yesterday, on the occasion of the Queen's birthday. All the men-of-war and many of the merchant ships were gay with bunting, but the holiday was not general, many of the principal establishments keeping open. Most of those who were at liberty went away on picnics, a large and distinguished party visiting the Tatum reservoir for the purpose of treating themselves to a glass of liberty in honour of the old lady's seventieth birthday took place, as it were, doing, probably, in a thousand places in various latitudes. In point of moral effect it was interesting and useful, but as a manifestation of exuberant joy because Mrs. Guolph had successfully drawn somewhere about seventeen million pounds from a hard-up nation for doing nothing it was a huge farce.

25 YEARS AGO

In the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill announced that the Government is taking up £2,200,000 worth of shares in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company to secure a large oil-fuel supply for the Admiralty.

The amalgamation of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the British India Steam Navigation Company is officially announced.

10 YEARS AGO

Yesterday's report of the decisive victory by the Canton Army over the Kwangsi troops near Lupa have now been definitely confirmed. The action yesterday was somewhat indecisive, but to-day it has been turned into a complete victory for the Cantonese forces. It appears that the deciding factor in the battle was the arrival of ten aeroplanes from Canton which proceeded to bomb the Kwangsi troops.

5 YEARS AGO

May 25, 1934.
Japanese garrison troops were moving towards Yutien and Paoli this morning for the avowed purpose of holding manoeuvres there for several days. A number of motor lorries have been commandeered to take them into the interior. The Japanese military authorities declare there is no intention of interfering with the functions of the local Administration.

"ALL THIS I LEAVE TO YOU"

(Continued from Page 6.)

...the disdoin of weakness, and undaunted confidence in their own strength.

I leave to them the power to make lasting friendships and of possessing companions; and to them, exclusively, I give all merry song and choruses to sing with lusty voice.

Item: And to those who are no longer children or youths, or lovers, I leave memory; and bequeath to them: the volumes of poems of Burns and Shakespeare and other poets; if there be others, to the end that they may live the old days over again freely and fully without the or diminution. Item: To the loved ones with mowly crowns, I bequeath the happiness of old age; the love and gratitude of their children; until they fall asleep.

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H.K.T. 12-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."

Overture... Light Opera Orchestra: "The Pirates of Penzance." One... Elsie Griffin and Chorus of Girls; What Ought We To Do, Gentle Sisters, Say?... Nellie Brercliffe and Nellie Walker; How Beautifully Blue The Sky... Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls; Oh! Dry Ham and Chorus of Girls; Then, Fredrick, Let Your Escort, Lion-Hearted... George Baker and Derek Oldham; When The Foeman Bares His Steel... Leo Sheffield, Elsie Griffin, Nellie Brercliffe and Chorus; Now For The Pirates' Lair; When You Had Left Out Pirate, Fredrick, Derek Oldham, Peter Dawson and Dorothy Gill.

1 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Turner Layton and Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

Song Of The Little (Damerell-Evans); Old Ship O' Mine (Pellows); Primo Scala's Accordion Band; Walter Boy (arr. Robinson); Cool River (Johnstone and Layton); Turner-Layton (Tenor) with Piano; Don't Save Your Smiles (Coots-Flo-Rito); She Came From Alsace (Lorraine) (Hido-Cori); Primo Scala's Accordion Band; (Lorraine and Loews); It's Great To Be In Love Again (Koehler and McHugh).

Turner Layton (Tenor) at the Piano; Medley, Intro: Alone, Poor Little Angelina; Goody Goody; Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Harry Roy's Orchestra & His Tiger-Ragamuffins.

Say, "Si, Si"—Rumba; It's The Natural Thing To Do—Fox-Trot (Film "Double or Nothing"); Harry Roy & His Orchestra; Smedley's Tiger-Ragamuffins; Everybody's Swingin' It Now—Fox-Trot; Every Time I Look At You—Fox-Trot (Film "Dancing Feet"); Harry Roy & His Orchestra; From Monday On (Crosby-Barris); She's Funny That Way (Morel-Whiting); Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins; Margie—Quickstep; Avalon—Fox-Trot; Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Studio—Children's Hour.

7.0 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Sam Browne (Baritone) and Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

Gone—Fox-Trot (Film Love on the Run); When Is A Kiss Not A Kiss.

11.0 Close down.

—Fox-Trot (Film "Champagne Waltz"); Roy Fox & His Orchestra; 1 Nearly Let Love Go Slipping (Film "The Love of the Last Year"); Would You (Film "San Francisco"); Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra; With Plenty Of Money And You—Fox-Trot (Film "Gold Diggers of 1937"); Let's Put Our Hands Together—Fox-Trot (Film "Gold Diggers of 1937"); Roy Fox & His Orchestra; The One Rose (Lyon & McIntyre); A Star Fell Out Of Heaven (Gordon & Rovel); Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra; Let's Call The Whole Thing Off—Fox-Trot (Film "Dance! They Can't Take That Away From Me—Fox-Trot (Film "Shall We Dance"); Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

7.35 Tangos and Waltzes.
Ich Liebe Dich, Waltz (Waldteufel, Op. 177); An Dich, Waltz (Waldteufel, Op. 160); Vienna Boheme Orchestra; La Punalade—Tango; Se Lo Llevaron—Tango; Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Blue Danube—Waltz (Strauss); Vienna Blood—Waltz (Strauss); De Groot and The Pleadably Orchestra; Tu Sais—Tango; Jalousie—Tango; Xavier Cugat and His Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Rachmaninoff including his Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30.

Pollchinnello... Left Poulshnoff (Piano); Prelude In G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5; Prelude In C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler; Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30... Vladimir Horowitz (Piano) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

8.50 Joseph Schmidt (Tenor) with the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

Stradella—Overture (von Flotow-arr. Balfour)... Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey; Ach, So Fromm, Ach, So Traut (Wagner's "Flotow")... Joseph Schmidt and The Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schnalisch (Sung in German); Dancer Of Seville (Grunow); The Two Imps (Alford)... Sir Dan Godfrey cond. the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra La Danza (Rossini); L'Arietta (Biscardi)... Joseph Schmidt (Tenor) with Orch. (Sung in Italian).

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs" by H. Wickham Steed.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Two 'Cello Solos by Rudolf Detsmann.

Czardas (Adolphe Fischer); Papillon (David Popper)... with Piano accom.

9.55 Verdi's "Aida" Acts III and IV.

Singers in order of appearance: Maria Capuana; Trancardi Pasero; G. Arangi-Lombardi; Armando Borgioli; Arnold Lindi; and full Chorus of La Scala Milan with Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

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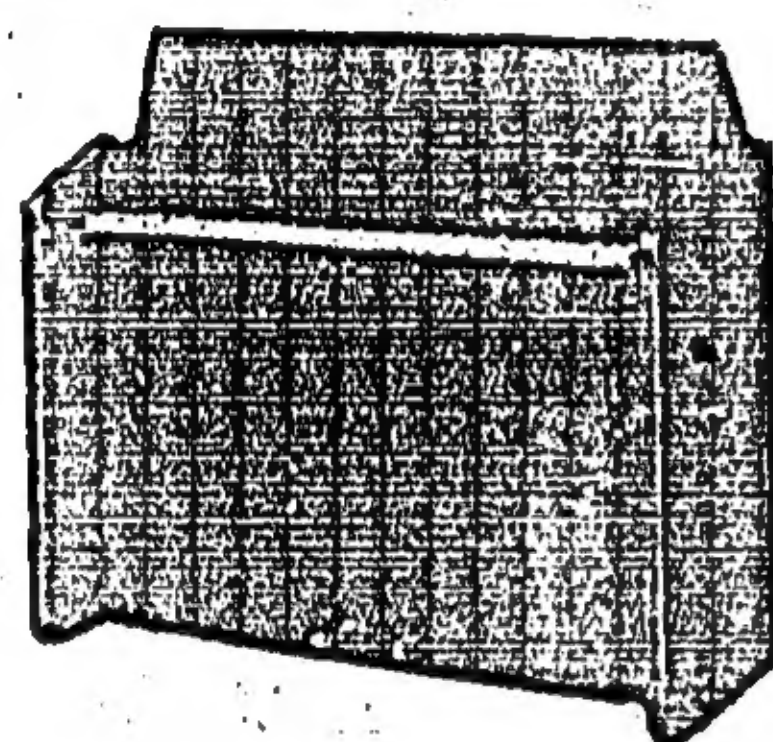
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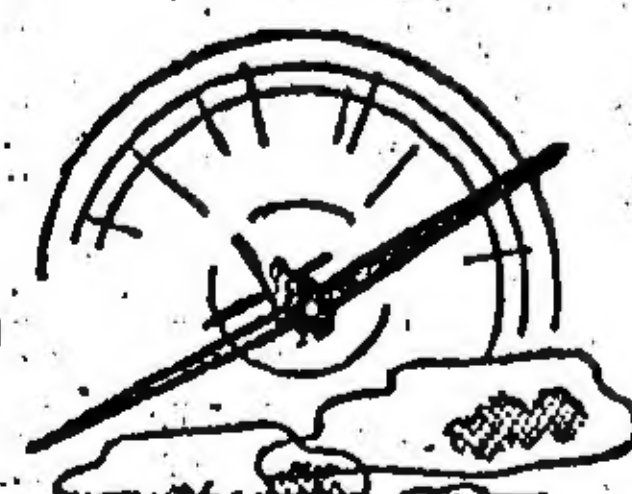
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General Elections

THESE RUMOURS of a general
election at Home are no idle
talk. The two teams, for and
against, face each other but the
referee has not given the signal.
Who is the referee? Mr.
Chamberlain, and he has not
spoken yet. He will decide, for he
is the man who will know best
when the circumstances are most
propitious for a Tory victory.

An immediate election is bound
to be tied up with the interna-
tional situation, and Mr. Cham-
berlain knows that situation better
than anyone else.

Now consider the arguments.
First, those put about by the
people who want an election soon.

For them, this is the Govern-
ment's moment of opportunity to
fight on their home ground. In-
ternationally, the war in Spain is
over, and that, however much we
detest the significance of a Franco
victory, means a triumph for the
Premier's unbending policy of
non-intervention.

Meanwhile, Britain's defences
grow impressively strong, and the
voice of our Motherland can
again be heard in the world.

We have taken a stand against
aggression, and made popular
alliances with countries whom we
have sworn to protect.

There are others who are more
cautious. They argue it would be
foolish to rush England into a
general election now.

They ask on what point would
an election centre, and in reply
say the international scene, Mr.
Chamberlain's past record in
particular. And that means on
the policy of the Totalitarian
states.

From Labour would come
showers of well-merited criticism
and another stirring up of inter-
national disension.

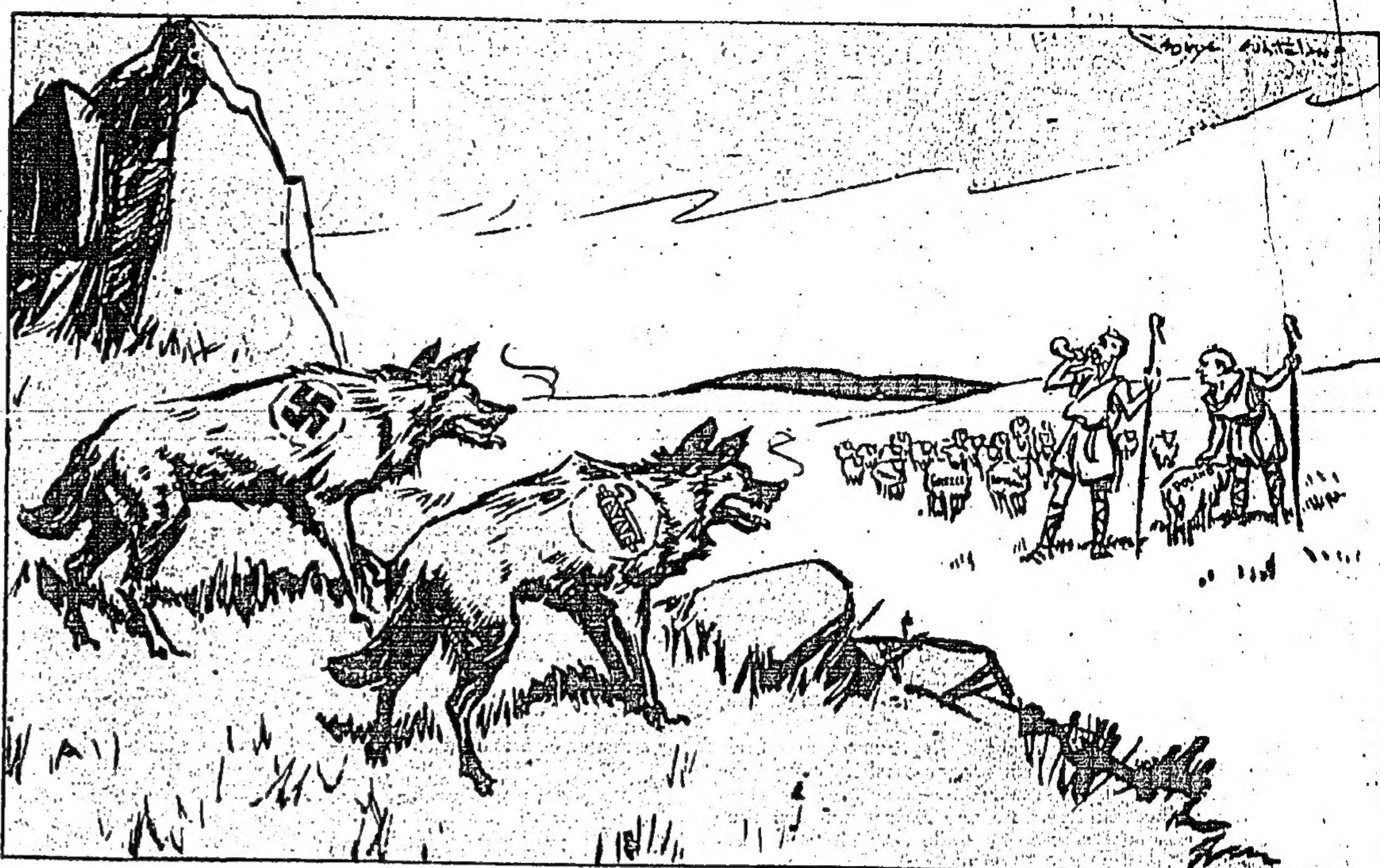
Their second argument is also a
powerful one. Mr. Chamberlain's
policy did not prove at all popular
when three bye-elections were held
last week. One seat swung to
Labour, and the Government's
majority in the other two was sadly
reduced.

Their last argument recalls
Napoleon's description of Eng-
lishmen as a nation of shopkeepers, for
it turns on trade.

What a country struggling on the
upswing of trade needs, they say, is
internal peace, free from the alarms,
dislocations, and uncertainties of a
general election.

So hold your hand, they say, and
if you must have a general election,
well, leave it until early next year.

That is the sense of the arguments
on both sides. Only one thing
remains: whatever Mr. Chamberlain
decides, he cannot prolong a general
election beyond July next year, when
the life of the present Parliament
constitutionally expires.



THE WOLVES: "See, they are trying to encircle us!"

If the Axis understands this, it means Peace

ALL the face of Euro-
pean politics has
changed in these past
weeks. Whether that
makes a European war less or
more probable is not an easy
thing to judge.

For very largely that must
depend on the two Dictators:
on whether they appreciate
the change; on whether they
revise their calculations accord-
ingly.

So far their policy has been
based on quite simple reckonings.

There were certain matters over
which none of the other three
European Great Powers (Britain,
France, Russia) would, when it
came to the point, be ready to face
the abomination of a major war;
or, at any rate, over which no two
of them would be ready at the
same time.

Therefore, in any of these
matters either Fascist Power could
do pretty much as it chose with-
out serious risk. The only resis-
tance to be overcome would be that
of a minor Power—such as Austria
or Albania.

And, in fact, if the odds were
made obvious and overwhelming,
there would probably be no resis-
tance at all.

They borrowed and used the
maxim of Marshal Lyautey, the
French conqueror of Morocco—an
overwhelming display of force
makes the use of force unnecessary.

Czecho-Slovakia, faced by the
whole might of the German Army,
simply must give way. Albania,
defenceless against the Italian Air
Force, must surrender. Even if
they resisted, the "operation"
would be a comparatively minor
one.

The Abyssinian experience
showed that the machinery of col-
lective security would not work.
The will to work it was not there.
The League, as an instrument for
resisting aggression, died on the
day that sanctions were lifted.

From then on it was plain that
any great Power in Europe could
do anything it chose to any small
Power provided that no other
great Power would feel bound, in
its own interests, to interfere with
arms and readiness to use them.

Now Herr Hitler could feel
reasonably confident that, in this
respect, he could count on a free
hand in Central Europe.

He knew, despite occasional
guarded declarations (knew, in-
deed, from the very fact that they
were so carefully guarded) that the
British Government, and a very
large and influential part of the
British people, did not regard any
change in Central Europe as
directly affecting British interests.

That had been so for centuries
past.

It was practically certain that
Great Britain would not deliber-

ately decide on war for anything
or anybody in the centre of the
Continent.

Secondly, he knew that so long
as his objectives seemed to be
confined to "revision" of features
of the Versailles settlement, which
large sections of British opinion
regarded as unwise or unjust, there
would be little desire to interfere.

Thirdly, he knew that British
armaments were in a condition
which made it very improbable
that a British Government would
risk war.

So if he concentrated his activi-
ties on the little countries to the
east of Germany, he could count
with reasonable certainty on meet-
ing with no opposition from
England that would involve war.

And if England were unwilling,
France, he could be sure, would not
face a German war without her
partner. Nor, indeed, was France
herself likely to be precisely
enthusiastic about plunging into
war on a mid-European issue.

The French, indeed, had their
alliances; but France had always
thought rather of the Poles and
the Czechs as her allies in a
Franco-German conflict, than of
herself as bound to march to their
assistance.

Still, there were the alliances.
And because of them Hitler moved
warily and cleverly. He tried (not
unsuccessfully) to shake the
Franco-Polish alliance by separate
dealings with the Poles.

It was not until Czecho-Slovakia
had passed out of the French into
the German orbit and the alliance
had become a dead letter that he
passed to the final dismember-
ment and conquest of that un-
happy country. By taking two
bites at the Czech cherry he made
sure of French neutrality.

Lastly, there was Russia to be
considered.

Britain and France might shrink
from fighting to prevent German
expansion eastward, might even
feel relieved that the pressure was
being directed East instead of
West.

But would not Russia—the other
Eastern Power—feel compelled to
check the initial stages of a drive
which, continued, must threaten
her own borders: of which, indeed,
the Ukraine was one of the avowed
objectives?

Hence the calculation was three-

fold. First, that the accumulating
evidence of a strong isolationist
trend in Russian policy was re-
liable and that the Soviet Union
intended to defend its own
frontiers but not to let itself be
drawn into war unless they were
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Second, that the condition of the
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beyond their own borders.

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A LONE, a man died in a
workhouse, and this will
was found in the pocket of his
ragged suit. By worldly stan-
dards he was poor, but when
you have absorbed the exquisite
beauty of his words and benefit-
ed from his deep and peaceful
philosophy, you too, will realise
just how rich this poor man
really was.

CHARLES LOUNSBERRY, being
of sound and disposing mind
and memory, do hereby make and
publish this my last will and
testament in order to distribute
my interest in the world among
succeeding men.

That part of my interest which is
known in law as my property,
being inconsiderable and of no
account, I make no disposition of.
My right to live, being but a life
estate, is not at my disposal, but,
these things excepted, all else in
the world I now proceed to devise
and bequeath.

Item: I give to good fathers and
mothers, in trust for their child-
ren, all good little words of praise
and encouragement, and all quaint
pet names and endearments; and
I charge said parents to use them
justly, but generously as the deeds
of their children shall require.

Item: I leave to children inclu-
sively but only for the term of
their childhood, all and every
flower of the field and the blos-
soms of the woods, with the right
to play among them freely accord-
ing to the custom of children,
warning them at the same time
against thistles and thorns.

And I devise to children the banks
of the brooks and the golden sands
beneath the waters thereof, and
the odorous of the willows that
dip therein, and the white clouds
that float high over giant trees.

And I leave the children the long,
long days to be merry in, in a
thousand ways, and the night and
the train of the Milky Way to
wander at, but never to forget, never-
less, to the rights hereinafter given
to lovers.

Item: I devise to boys, jointly, all
the useful idle fields and commons
where ball may be played, all
pleasant waters where one may
swim, all snow-clad hills where
one may coast, and all streams
and ponds where one may fish, or
where, when grim winter comes,
one may skate, to hold the same
for the period of their boyhood.

And I devise, with the clover
blossoms and butterflies thereof,
the woods with their beauty, the
squirrels and the birds, and the
echoes and strange noises, and all
distant places, which may be visit-
ed together with the adventures
there found.

And I give to said boys each his own
place at the fireside at night, with
all pictures that may be seen in
the burning wood, to enjoy with-
out let or hindrance or without
any embarrassment or care.

Item: To lovers, I devise their
imaginary world, with whatever
they may need, as the stars of the
sky, the red roses by the wall, the
bloom of the hawthorn, the sweet
strain of music, and, aught else
they may desire to figure to each
other the lastingness and beauty
of their love.

Item: To young men jointly I be-
queath all the boisterous, inspiring
sports of rivalry, and I give to
each of them...

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BLUE PETER'S WIN COST BOOKMAKERS £1,000,000

LORD ROSEBERY SCORES FIRST SUCCESS: FAMILY TRADITION CONTINUED

London, May 24.
Half a million spectators, including Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes and Duchesses of Gloucester and Kent, were present at Epsom to-day, which was one of the hottest Derby days in years.

Blue Peter, starting favourite, scored a surprisingly easy victory. The horse shot out to the front two and a half furlongs from home, after which the result was never in doubt. This was Lord Rosebery's first Derby win. He thus continues the family tradition, his father having won the event with Ladas in 1894. Sir Visto in 1895 and Cicero in 1905, and his grandfather was successful with Favonius in 1871 when the race was last run on May 24.

The jockey, Ephraim Smith, and the trainer, Jack Jarvis, also scored their first Derby victories. Jarvis was always confident that he would achieve his life's ambition with Blue Peter, who followed up his win in the Two Thousand Guineas. Blue Peter covered the one and a half miles in 2 mins. 38.4 secs. The Derby once again eluded the champion jockey, Gordon Richards, who made an unavailing and desperate dash on Fox Cub.

Hypnotist, owned by the American, Mr. William Woodward, who won the Kentucky Derby a fortnight ago, was heavily backed and was second favourite at 5-1. He finished seventh.

It is estimated that Blue Peter's win has cost bookmakers about £1,000,000. It is also estimated that the totalator investments amounted to £202,000.—*Reuter's Special.*

FLASHED TO WORLD
London, May 24.
The speed with which the Derby result was flashed to all corners of the world was shown by the fact that it took one second to reach Cairo and Nairobi, three seconds to reach Bombay, Montreal, Singapore and Hongkong, four seconds to reach Cape Town and Zanzibar, and eight seconds to reach Melbourne and Sydney.—*Reuter's Special.*

BLUE PETER HAD RACE IN HAND

London, May 24.
The Derby run at Epsom to-day resulted in a triumph for Lord Rosebery, his horse, which was the favourite, winning by four lengths from the second favourite, ridden by the champion jockey. Result: Blue Peter (E. Smith) 1, Fox Cub (Gordon Richards) 2, Hypnotist (Perryman) 3. The weather was not sunny for the race.

Twenty-seven ran. The betting on Blue Peter was 7-2, on Mr. Edward Edmond's Fox Cub 100-0, and on Lord Derby's Hypnotist 100-9. Three lengths separated second and third. Also ran: Triguero (Burns), Vesperina (Elliott), Roman II (Brethes), Hastings (Jones), Admiral's Walk (Harry Wragg), Dhool (Smith), Maunakea (Bey), Fair Chance (Rickaby), Fairfax (Lowrey), Major Brackley (Simpson), King's Legend (Caralake), Buxton (Stephenson), Rogerstone Castle (Marshall), About Maitre (Sibbritt), Casanova (Nevett).

Hypnotist (Beasley), Ortiz (Lane), Dillbarr (Bartlam), Fairstone (Cliff Richards), Wheatland (Taylor), Bellman (Sam Wragg), Larchfield (Syracuse), Pointis (D. Smith), Salford II (Hervey).—*Reuter's Special.* A crowd of 350,000 watched the running of the 100th English Derby.

Race Described
London, May 24.
The horses got away to a good start, except Bellman and Fair Chance, who got slowly into stride. Hypnotist sprinted into the lead from Rogerstone Castle, Dhool, Major Brackley, Fairfax and Wheatland. Hypnotist and Blue Peter were in the middle of the field, and on the outside was Larchfield, which took the lead after three furlongs from Wheatland, Hypnotist, Buxton and Hastings.

Blue Peter, running eighth or ninth, followed Hypnotist. A large field was still in front of Hypnotist and Wheatland at the top of the hill. Blue Peter was now making ground rapidly, just behind Rogerstone Castle and Fairfax, with Fair Chance a long way behind.

Blue Peter was still going up steadily, approaching Tattenham Corner, and at the turn for home had taken second place to Larchfield. Rogerstone Castle was third, just in front of Casanova, Hypnotist and Hypnotist.

Wins Comfortably
A hundred yards after the turn Hypnotist and Blue Peter disputed the lead, with Hypnotist and About Maitre, with Fox Cub showing up prominently on the outside. Blue Peter took the lead two and a half furlongs from home, followed by Casanova, Fox Cub and Hypnotist. Fox Cub passed Hypnotist and looked likely to overtake Blue Peter, until Smith used his whip. Blue Peter then shot forward again and won comfortably. Casanova was fourth, Buxton fifth, Admiral's Walk sixth, Hypnotist seventh, Pointis eighth, Ortiz ninth, Fairstone tenth, Fair Chance eleventh and Salford last. The time was 2 minutes 38.4/5 seconds.

Welterweight Title Fight

London, May 24.
The most expensive welterweight contest ever staged takes place at Harringay Stadium to-morrow when Henry Armstrong defends the world title against the British champion, Ernie Roderick, of Liverpool. The purse is £10,000, of which Armstrong will receive £8,500. Ringside seats are 10 guineas each, record price for a welterweight fight. Armstrong will concede nearly a stone. He has won 61 of his 103 fights by knockout. The question is whether Roderick's stylish left is good enough to keep out the non-stop puncher.—*Reuter's Special.*

Lion's Share Again To United States

Dublin, May 24.
Nine first prizes in the Irish Sweepstakes on the Derby, each worth £30,000, were distributed as follows:
Three to Canada; two to United States; two to Europe and two to Ireland.
Nine second prizes of £15,000 each were distributed as follows:
Five to United States; two to Europe and two to Canada.
Nine third prizes of £10,000 each were distributed as follows:
Five to United States; two to Europe and two to India.—*International Press Bureau.*

Bowls Rinks Chosen For Week's Games

The following players have been selected for the various clubs in the Lawn Bowls League matches to be played on Saturday:

Indian R.C. (v. Craigengower C.C. away).—J. Hoosen, S. M. Rumlajh, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (skip); D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Y. Adil and A. R. Dallah (skip); A. H. Rumlajh, A. Baker, A. O. Madar and M. R. Abbas (skip).

CRAIGENGOWER C. C.
First Div. v. Indians (Home).—J. W. Leonard, K. M. Omar, A. E. Contes, B. W. Bradbury (skip); A. M. Omar, W. Ward, J. S. Landolt, M. Omar (skip); A. A. Raziel, C. R. Souza, C. S. Rossetti, R. Basa (skip).

Second Div. v. Kowloon Tong (Away).—J. H. Xavier, E. McNay, H. W. Randall, M. A. R. Souza (skip); A. J. Coelho, E. Zimmern, M. J. Medina, J. Cavanagh (skip); W. J. Penny, N. P. Karanjia, T. Locke, W. K. Way (skip).

Third Div. v. H.K.F.C. (Away).—S. R. Solina, Van der Lely, A. B. Hamson, G. Ladd (skip); L. Gaddi, F. Petersen, Dr. C. W. Lam, John Pau (skip); John P. Lee, E. Kerrison, G. A. Payne, W. McNeill (skip).

CLUB DE RECREIO
First Div. "A" (Away) v. K.C.C.—C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro, L. J. Silva, F. X. M. Silva (skip); J. Luz, A. P. Guterres, R. F. Luz, H. A. Alves (skip); L. F. Xavier, C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha, C. G. Silva (skip).

"B" (Away) v. C.S.C.C.—C. Vas, D. C. Alves, C. R. Pereira, B. Basto (skip); C. C. Pereira, A. M. Xavier, A. A. Remedios, X. X. Soares (skip); F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, F. V. V. Ribeiro, J. J. Basto (skip).

Third Div. (Home) v. R.H.K.Y.C.—M. F. Alarcon, A. Rodrigues, J. R. Soares, O. P. Remedios (skip); L. Leon, F. X. Guterres, A. F. Noronha, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); J. A. Remedios, M. Guterres, F. A. Xavier, C. A. Lopes (skip).

R.H.K. YACHT CLUB

Third Div. v. Recreio (Away).—G. H. Bond, J. Owen Hughes, A. Nissim, A. W. Brown (skip); W. A. Cornell, A. D. Humphreys, P. S. Cassidy, G. E. Costello (skip); W. J. Hansen, L. E. N. Ryan, A. S. Mitchell, B. E. Maughan (skip).



The swimming team of the Diocesan Boys' School photographed recently with their swimming sports master.—King's Studio.

England Beat Rumania In Soccer Encounter Before Record Crowd

Bucharest, May 24.
In the soccer match played here to-day, England beat Rumania by two goals to nil after leading by a goal at half-time.

Scottish Team Wins Game In Canada

Montreal, May 17.
The Scottish F. A. XI opened their Canadian tour here to-day by scoring an overwhelming victory over the Montreal XI. They won by nine goals to nothing.—*Reuter.*

Perry, Vines, Budge Will Visit India

Madras, May 19.
Fred Perry, Donald Budge and Ellsworth Vines, the professional lawn tennis players and former Wimbledon champions, are to visit India where they will make a tour of most of the big towns. It is reported here.

Jack Harris, who managed the Budge-Vines tour of the United States, has accepted the proposal of the Yuvarajah of Pithapuram, who has undertaken the promotion of the tour. November of this year is the time suggested.

Harris will accompany the team as manager, and one other well-known professional will bring the party up to five.

GUESTS OF POTENTATE

The Yuvarajah has asked Kunwat Sir Dhill Singh, president of The All India Lawn Tennis Association, for the permission of the Association to conduct the tour on his own responsibility. While in Madras, the players will be the guests of the Yuvarajah.

Perry, Budge and Vines are also expected to tour Australia in February and March next year. The Australian L. T. A. has given its official sanction to the tour and terms have been agreed upon.—*Reuter.*

Forty thousand spectators—a record for Rumania—saw the match.

England revealed fine combination and were easily the better side, though Goulden was fortunate to score the first goal eight minutes from the start when the Rumanian right back was forced to play on the wing through an injury.

Conditions were more favourable to England than in most continental matches. The weather was overcast and the pitch was in good condition. The game became a little rough in the second half when the Englishmen's robust style rather upset the Rumanians.

Walsh scored England's second goal in the eighth minute after the interval. England had numerous chances to score but seemed content with the lead.—*Reuter.*

Gland Query Raised In Parliament

The subject of gland treatment for footballers was raised in Parliament recently when Mr. A. M. Lyons (Con., East Leicester) asked the Minister of Health whether he was aware that gland extracts from animals were being administered to football players, and whether he would order an investigation into this practice, with a view to ascertaining its effect and repercussions on national health.

Mr. Walter Elliot said he had no first-hand information, but the gland extracts were included in the British Pharmacopoeia, and if as he understood, they were administered under medical supervision he did not think any special investigation was necessary.

Laughter was caused when Mr. E. Shinwell (Soc., Seaham) asked would not these gland extracts be administered to members of the Cabinet.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib., Wolverhampton East) suggested that the treatment was perfectly innocuous, and had been administered with benefit for rheumatism against disease. The football clubs would welcome any inquiry.

At this a member shouted: "Good old Wolverhampton Wanderers!"

CAMBRIDGE CREW TO GO ON TOUR

Cambridge University Boat Club are sending a crew of four to South Africa in the summer vacation to meet the more celebrated of South African clubs in local regattas at Johannesburg, Durban, East London, and Cape Town, during August.

The crew will consist of Alan Burrough (Jesus) bow; No. 2 J. L. L. Savill (Jesus) the president-elect of the C.U.B.C.; No. 3, M. Buxton (Trinity Hall), who is to be the new secretary; and C. B. Sanford (Trinity Hall), stroke.

Cambridge are not taking a coxswain with them, but one will be borrowed when they arrive in South Africa, as will boats, oars, and training craft.

They are due at Johannesburg on July 29, and the first of the regattas is to be held on the Vaal Rivers on August 5, when they race against South African Universities.

The final regatta is to be held at Cape Town on August 20, where a new representative of the Western Province will be met.

CHAMPION BEATEN IN BRITISH GOLF AMATEUR TOURNEY

Charles Yates Eliminated By Chapman, Countryman

London, May 24.
The outstanding feature of to-day's play in the British Amateur Golf Championship now being played at Hoylake was the defeat of Charles Yates, the American holder of the title, by a fellow-American, Dick Chapman, who yesterday eliminated M. W. Budd, the former All-China champion.

Remarkable Indoor Bowling Feat

Scranton, Pa., May 18.
Carl Mensenberg rolled one of the highest three-game scores in bowling history when he rolled 300-289-300-889. The two perfect games boosted his number of "300" games to 11. He scored 22 consecutive strikes before leaving the seven pin in the second game's final box. Mensenberg rolled a 300 game in the 1935 A.B.C. tournament of Syracuse, N.Y.—*United Press.*

Chapman won the encounter—the first All-American match of the tournament—by four and three.

Chapman was almost faultless in this third round tie and was two up at the end of nine holes, where Yates himself was four above par.

Yates lost the match through poor putting.

As the result of his victory, Chapman has become favourite to reach the finals.—*United Press.*

Vines Wins And Then Was Beaten

London, May 24.
In the second round, the professional tennis star, Ellsworth Vines, played brilliant golf to beat E. Ratcliffe by four and three.

Vines finished in level fours. In the third round, however, John Ballieu, of Australia, defeated Vines by two and one.

This tennis player took 18 strokes for his first three holes, all of which he lost.

OTHER MATCHES

In the second round, I. Lyle of Liverpool beat the English champion, A. Bentley, by two and one.

Hector Thomson, former champion, was beaten two and one by C. Timmis of Royal Liverpool. James Bruen, the Irish champion, eliminated E. Hamilton by three and two.—*Reuter.*

Baseball

NEW YORK OUTFITS DEFEATED

Two Teams Blanked By Opponents

New York, May 24.
The following were the results of matches played in the Major Baseball League to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
New York	0	5	0
Cincinnati	6	13	0
McCormick homered for the Reds.			
Batteries:—Reds, Derringer, Lombardi.			
Brooklyn	3	9	2
Pittsburgh	6	10	0
Camilli homered for the Dodgers.			
Batteries:—Dodgers, Bowman, Berres.			
Boston	0	7	1
St. Louis	7	9	0
Batteries:—Cardinals, Davis, Franke.			
Philadelphia	2	11	1
Chicago	3	7	1

Batteries:—Cubs, French, Mancuso.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	6	10	0
New York	1	7	0
Gehring and Walker homered for the Tigers. Batteries:—Tigers, Trout, Tebbets.			
Cleveland	6	6	2
Boston	2	4	1
Hudlin homered for the Indians. Batteries:—Indians, Hudlin, Hemsley.			
St. Louis	6	8	4
Washington	10	14	3
Travis homered for the Senators. Batteries:—Senators, Chase, Early.— <i>Reuter.</i>			

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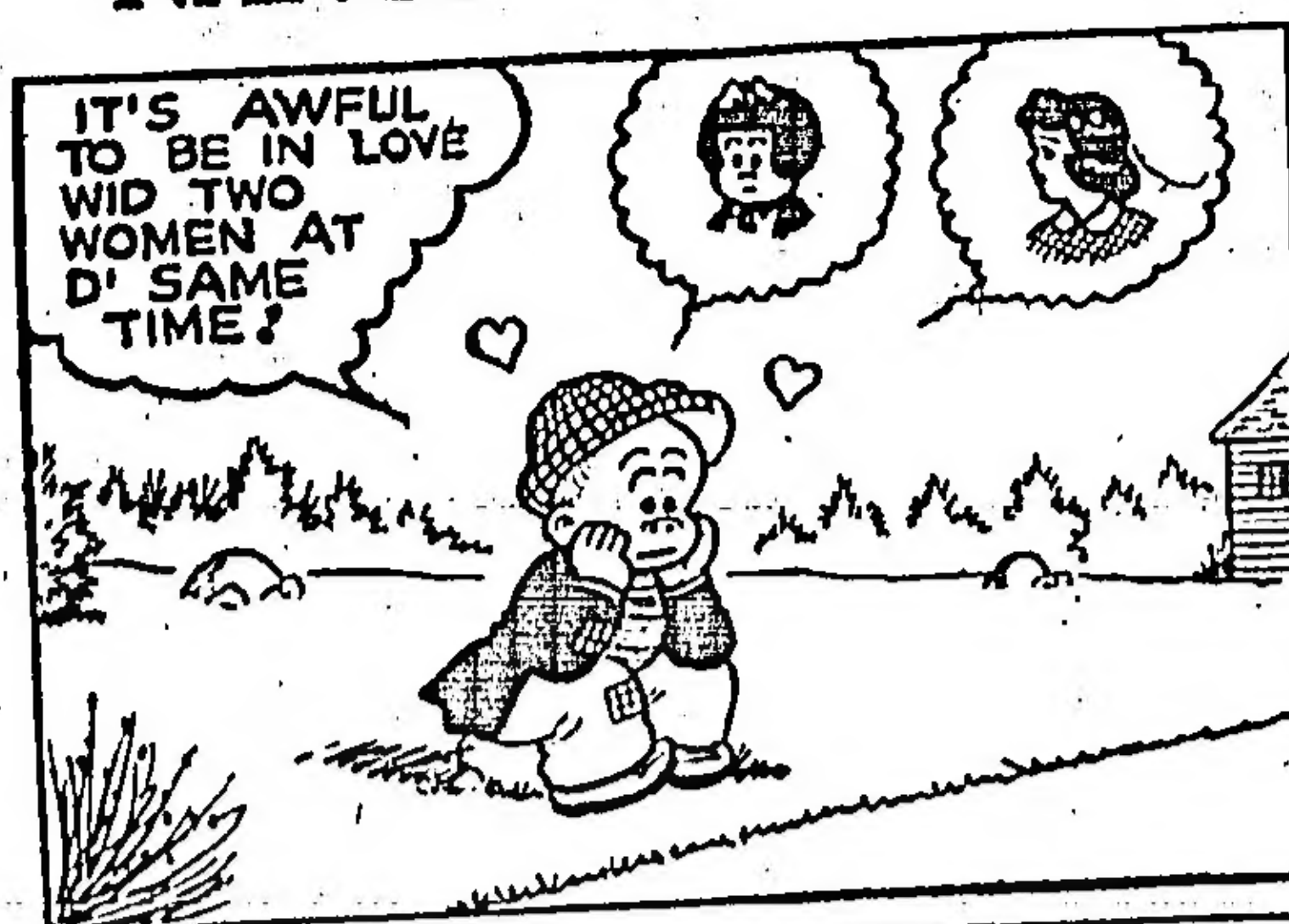
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D. R. JARDINE SUGGESTS A NEW SCHEME

SMALLER BALL MIGHT MAKE MORE ARTISTS OUT OF BOWLERS

That the balance between batsman and bowler might be restored by the adoption of a smaller ball—the ball in vogue at most preparatory schools, is suggested by D. R. Jardine in the *Daily Telegraph*.

"Put the small ball in the large hands of the average professional bowler," he says, "and let the experiment speak for itself. It can be counted a failure if it does not double the artists and halve the hacks."

There is high authority for coupling "the time with the seasons." The latter, fortunately as yet, change irrespective of the dictates of man—not so the times.

When we were very young we first began to appreciate in some measure the importance of the "C's" in life.

Many years ago the late Andrew Lang was fond of posing and himself answering the question: What, speaking secularly, were the two most important things in our youth? The two "C's," represent the Classics and Cricket. On occasion even the order of precedence might be changed in deference to extreme youth or enthusiastic ignorance.

"Tempora mutantur"—yet the two "C's" have stood the test of time astonishingly well, even if Cricket and Conscription have perforce to be substituted for the originals.

There are enough "ifs" in all conscience about an English summer at any time, but if a full season's play be granted us, whether played in high summer or winter, 1939 will come as something of a relief, at least by comparison with 1938.

DOMESTIC SEASON

A more three Test matches rank a season to-day as a domestic season, in which the County Championship and such games as Gentlemen v. Players have a chance to stand out in fair perspective and recapture something of past glories.

The number of Test matches, be it added, is no true criterion for judging the strength of visiting teams. To English crowds West Indian cricket has never been lacking in colour, life and speed.

This year, experiments with the game are to be continued, but be it said before our visitors have bowled a ball in a match over here, that they are a team against which no fancy experiments can be made with impunity in representative matches. The records of touring teams from these shores to the West Indies give small grounds for over-confidence on England's part.

NEW CHIEF SELECTOR

The appointment of Mr. P. Perrin as chairman of selectors will give

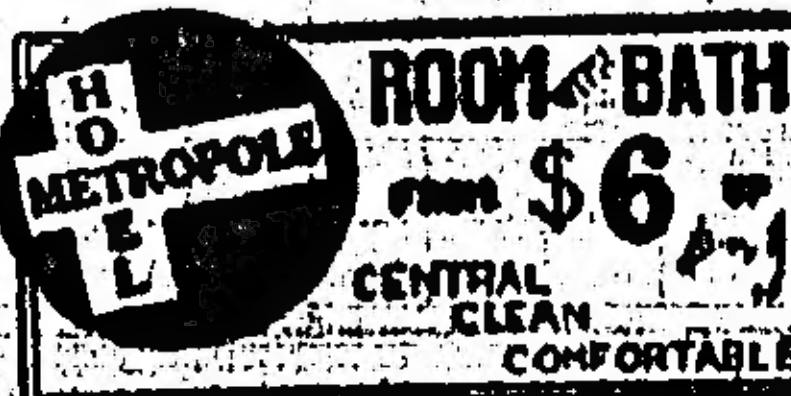
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M.C.C. STATEMENT ON 8-BALL OVER

The M.C.C. have issued the following announcement regarding the eight-ball over experiment:

"As has already been notified, the eight-ball over will be adopted in first-class cricket as an experiment during the 1939 season. The M.C.C. think it desirable at this juncture to clarify the position as regards other grades of cricket, especially in view of the fact that it is known that certain clubs have already experimented with the longer over, and no doubt many more clubs will wish to do so.

"It is extremely unlikely that any change in the law will be made until a trial over two seasons in first-class cricket has been given to the eight-ball over, and therefore no change in the law need be anticipated before the season of 1941. In the meantime, there is no objection to the eight-ball over being tried in league or club cricket, in 1939 should this be wished.

"Any trials, however, in the case of clubs affiliated to conferences, leagues or associations can only be carried out subject to the regulations of the executive bodies concerned. An opportunity will be given to clubs, &c., to express their views on this subject at the end of the 1939 season, in order to enable the M.C.C. to decide whether any modification for trials in 1940 are desirable. At the conclusion of the 1940 season, final opinions of clubs, &c., will be asked for.

"As regards schools, the M.C.C. do not wish the eight-ball over to be adopted during 1939, and have, therefore, decided that the school matches to be played at Lords, during that season will be played under the six-ball over as provided for in Law 13. It is probable, however, that schools will be asked to give a trial to an extended over in 1940, if by that time, experience in first-class and other cricket has indicated the desirability of making an alteration in Law 13."

How Rule Affects The Border Clubs

The announcement that the Scottish Cricket Union had recommended the eight-ball over to be put into operation this season will no doubt present a bit of a problem to the Border League clubs, says the *Evening Dispatch*.

For a number of years the Border League matches have been played on the 50-over limit principle and the system has been a marked success. But to continue with the practice of 50 overs with an increase of from six to eight balls an over is an altogether different matter. On many occasions both sides in a match have occupied the wicket for their full quota of 50 overs, and play has lasted as long as five hours. With an eight-ball over in operation matches might be unduly prolonged and would be in danger of becoming a test of endurance provided batsmen could adopt the crawl methods of some modern Test match cricketers.

If the Border clubs decide to accept the Union's recommendation it

Enlargement Of Cabinet London Newspaper's Forecasts

LONDON, May 24.

THE ENLARGEMENT of the British Cabinet is confidently forecast in the near future by the "Daily Express" to-day, which says that the object is to "introduce new blood into the Government in order to increase the sources of specialised knowledge within the Cabinet, and to relieve Ministers at present overburdened with responsibility."

The paper, however, does not expect these changes to be made until the return of the King from Canada.

Competent opinion holds that the Cabinet must be strengthened by the addition of new men with administrative experience.

Undoubtedly, says the "Express," Mr. Neville Chamberlain and other Ministers have been very much taxed by the continuing crises of the last two years.

The proposal under consideration is that a number of "Junior Ministers," forming a "Shadow Cabinet," should be admitted to the existing Cabinet, so that in an emergency they would be able to take over the functions of the Cabinet should gaps occur through natural or other causes.

Social Items

Lady Arnie Noble is leaving the Colony to-morrow aboard the Empress of Asia, after a stay of a month.

Major A. S. Street, Engineer-in-Chief of the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese Section), accompanied by Mrs. Street, arrived in the Colony from Canton on Tuesday. They are staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel, and will return to Canton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Harris with their young daughter, Vera, are paying a brief visit to the Colony. They arrived here on Tuesday and are staying at the Peninsula Hotel until Saturday, when they will return to Canton.

Miss Valerie Bockler left the Colony yesterday for the United States by the Kamakura Maru and will be away for about three months. Miss Bockler will spend a few days in Shanghai.

The engagement is announced of Lily, daughter of Mrs. G. Danenberg and the late J. E. Danenberg, to Carlos, son of Mrs. Z. da Silva and the late P. Q. R. da Silva.

The Jonkheer H. L. Krayenhoff, son of the Baron and the late Baroness C. R. T. Krayenhoff, of Wassevar, Holland and representative of the Aviation Division, Royal Dutch-Shell Oil Co., Netherlands Indies, was married to Miss I. C. Telders, at the Singapore Registrar's office last week. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. J. M. Telders and Mrs. Telders of Larn, Holland. The bridegroom's father is prominent in banking and tourism circles in Holland.

A Raffles College lecturer and a sister at the Singapore General Hospital were married at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, last week. They were Mr. Charles George Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Webb of London, and Miss Molly Preston Walker, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. G. Walker, of Croydon, Surrey.

A day after she arrived from Hamburg, Germany, Miss Ingeborg Brand, of Hamburg, was married to Dr. W. G. Gross, of the Mission Hospital, Balige Sumatra, at the Singapore Registrar's office last week. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gross, of Dessau, Germany.

SPORT ADVTS THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 27th and MONDAY, 29th May, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on Second Day. The Timm Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock Noon on the First Day and at 11.00 a.m. on the Second Day.

Timms are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21220).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day, including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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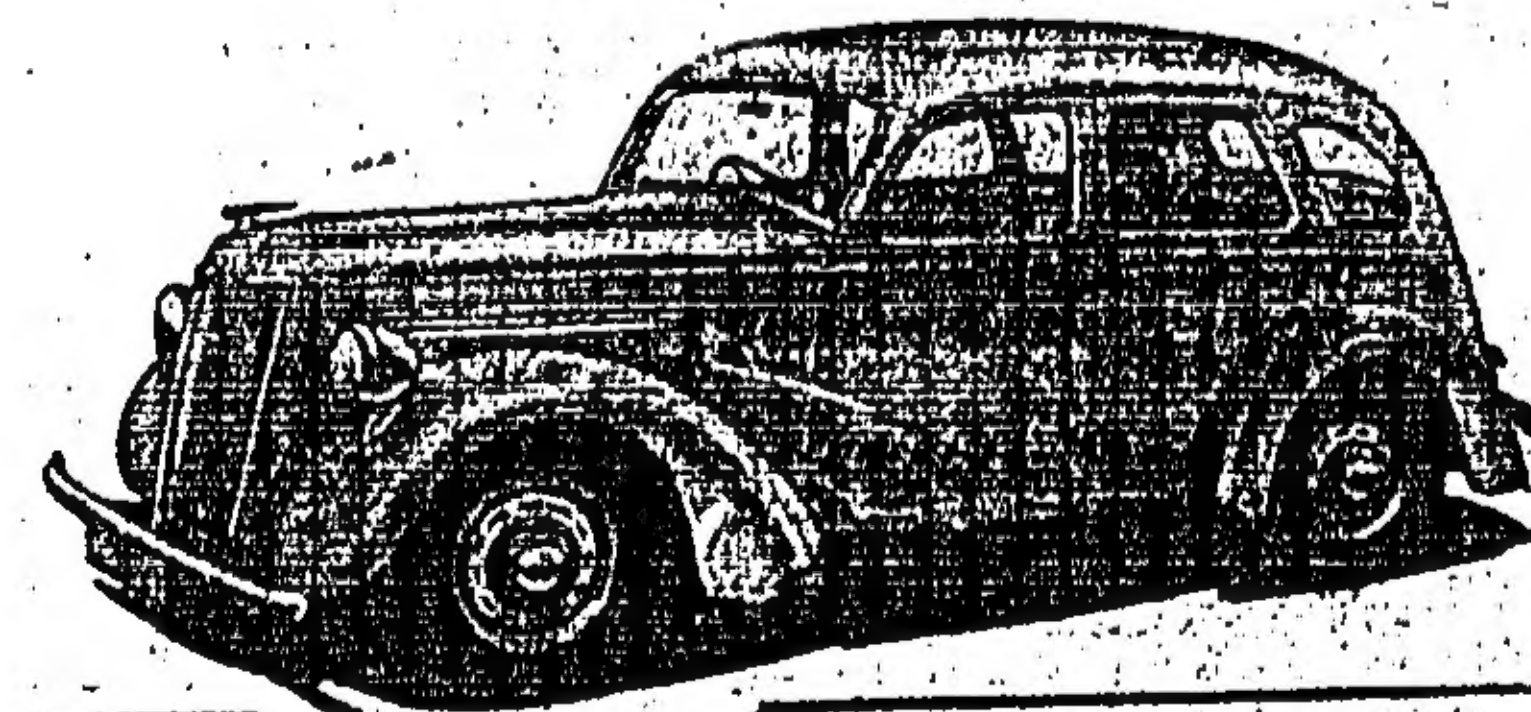
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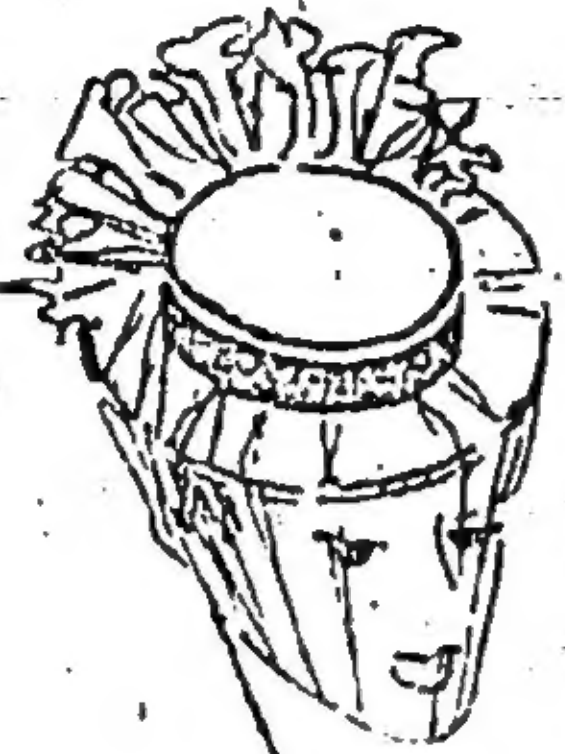
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HAT TRICKS



On a small sailor hat the veil is looped round the back of the head under the brim, like a hair net; it goes up through slots in the brim and lies in a big bunchy bow high and straight on the head. The hat is worn straight and dipping over the eyes.



This is if you like your face veiled. The veil loops under the chin, is drawn over the back above the brim. The hatband must be fastened on after the veil to get the drawn-in effect; it can be fastened with hooks and eyes.



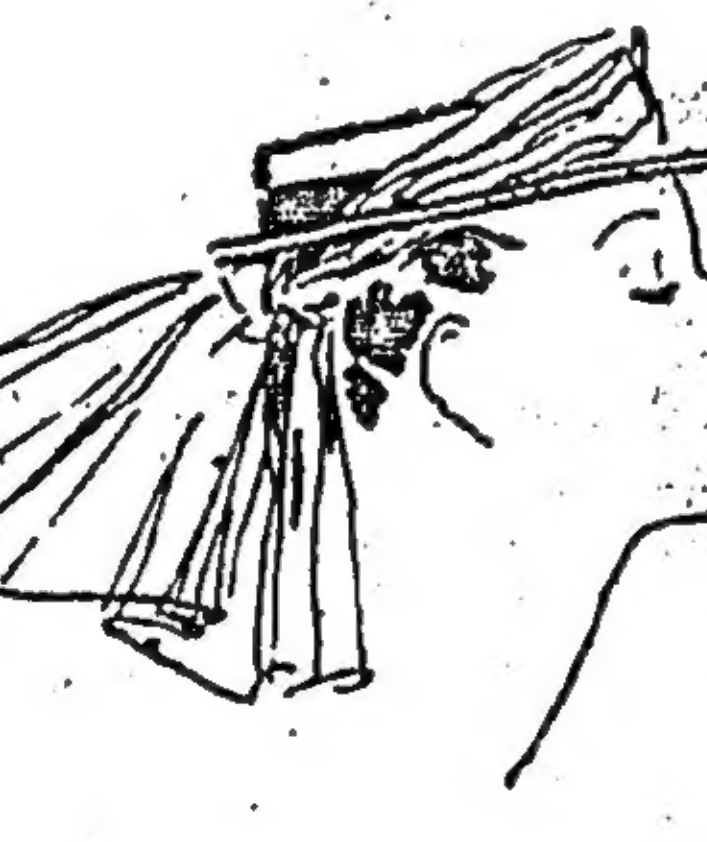
Another way—though you have to be young and gay to get away with it—is to loop the veil under the chin, over the sides of the brim, tying in a crisp bow on top of the crown. Tilt the hat and be quite sure that you don't look as if you have toothache.



Here the veil is looped under the chin again, but this time it goes up through the brim at the back, knots above the brim, and falls to the shoulders. This, too, is a style for the young. The hat tilts slightly over one eye.



This is a little more complicated and dressy. The veil is arranged—it would have to be sewn—tightly over the brim, goes under the band and breaks into a froth on the flat crown. The colour of the straw should just show through the veiling.



The veil goes round the crown in front, making a peak, and is tucked through the brim. Under the brim at the back it is knotted and sticks out crisply to the shoulders. The hat is worn straight over the eyes.

Indoor Gardening

EVEN though you may live in a flat with a rock garden there is no reason to-day why you should be entirely deprived of the joy of growing flowers and plants.

Indoor window boxes are becoming increasingly fashionable, and delightful little gardens can be made in them, so that you have a fascinating hobby and a new room decoration.

Trailing plants, and flowers that grow very tall, are better avoided as they are not, for obvious reasons, quite suitable for indoor growing in front of windows.

Begonias, petunias, late-flowering tulips, and calceolarias will give you a bank of glorious colour in a sunny window, or brighten up a sunless one.

Colour Harmony

Study the colour scheme of your indoor garden, and relate it to that of the room so that the two harmonize. If you do this the result will be more pleasing than if you plant haphazardly.

A charming way of perfuming your room is to sow sweet-smelling flowers, such as stocks, sweet william, nigella, and pink. These will provide a boxful of fragrance that will be very welcome on a hot summer's day.

An intriguing indoor window-box

seen in London combines an aquarium with a rock garden.

The aquarium is in front of the box, which is made of metal, and the rock garden is behind. The bottom of the aquarium is covered with an inch or two of silver sand, in which the usual aquarium water plants are planted. The front is, of course, glass, and the back is the rocky wall of the garden, on top of which are sown dainty little flowers.

Glass Shelves

Should you prefer it, instead of the conventional window-box you can have a set of wooden or glass shelves for holding little pot plants.

These can be bought made up specially for the purpose in a glass case with a sliding front. A display of cacti plants, or a collection of Japanese dwarf trees in small bowls look extremely effective in these window cases.

If you make your window-box yourself do not forget that it must have drainage holes in the bottom. Stand it in a zinc tray made to fit it closely all round, and paint both tray and box the same colour.

Two or three hours after watering remove the tray and empty out any surplus water lying in it. If left in the tray this will sour and cause rot among the plants.

Toning Up Your Wardrobe

BRUSH garments well to remove dust, then sponge all over with a weak solution of ammonia, using if possible, a piece of the same or a similar material. The solution will help to remove stains.

Grease spots and the obstinate grime at the neck of coats will generally yield to benzine. Small, shiny spots should be lightly rubbed with emery paper, but the more extensive shine which is a feature of well-worn costumes and men's suits needs different treatment. Rub the shiny surface with a hot and fairly strong solution of ammonia, then place a clean wet cloth over it, and press with a hot iron. Willo still warm and moist, brush with a stiff clothes brush.

If splashes of mud have been allowed to remain on a garment, the stains can generally be removed by rubbing with a solution of carbonate of soda. Tar stains can be banished by an application of eucalyptus, and spots of paint should be soaked in a mixture of equal parts of turpentine and ammonia, after which they will rub off easily.

By the way, dark clothes always have a habit of collecting fluff, which is often difficult to remove with a clothes brush. A red rubber sponge, kept specially for the purpose, removes this fluff and surface dust very easily, and keeps clothes fresh and clean looking.

Shoes which are looking a little tired after the long winter months can be wonderfully improved by a little home treatment. Black shoes can be restored by being well rubbed all over with the inside of a piece of fresh orange peel, then rubbed with damp cloth and, when dry, polished in the usual way. Brown shoes which have become patchy will look like new if they are rubbed over with castor oil.

Light coloured kid gloves can be cleaned by being rubbed gently with a piece of cotton wool dipped in eau-de-Cologne.

Erica Trent

Repairs And Renovations

TAPESTRY chairs should be beaten and plenty of dry bicarbonate of soda rubbed into the material. Leave on for a few hours, brush out with a stiff brush, and run over with the vacuum cleaner.

Table oilcloth on tables or shelves may be torn or cut. Remove, turn on the wrong side, and with a length of adhesive tape secure the loose edges neatly together. Press the patch till it hardens, and return the oilcloth to its position.

Repair worn linoleum by placing a piece slightly larger than the hole over the break and cutting round both with a very sharp knife. If the linoleum is patterned, cut a piece suitable to fill the gap. Now remove the under piece and slip the new into its place, nailing neatly down.

Should the hole be a very small one, or a mere crack, fill in with putty, and paint it over when hard in a matching shade.

When electric bulbs are stained and dull cover with a paste made from cold water and carbonate of soda. Leave on for an hour, sponge off with soapy water, then rinse and dry carefully.

Lampshades of parchment may be sponged lightly with soapy lukewarm water, or if hand-painted, rubbed carefully with medium oilmeal. Silk shades should be washed in cool water and soap flakes.

Zinc pulls and baths are made gleaming and spotless when cleaned with whitening mixed to a smooth paste with cloudy ammonia, and applied with a woollen cloth. Rub off with flannel when dry.

A good step whitener which will last for some time is made by dissolving some size and whitening in a little hot water. Add a teaspoonful of washing blue, and use in the usual way.

M. L. D.

Knitting Without Tears

IS it not a nuisance, when you are knitting a sleeve of a jumper, and lose count of the decrease?

The next time you are making a jumper try snapping a press stud through every decrease now as you go along, then decreases can be seen at a glance.

Keep a crochet hook in your knitting bag for dealing with dropped stitches. Pop your hook through the dropped stitch, and pull up loop by loop. It is far quicker than picking it up with a knitting needle.

When you are knitting vests for the children, cast off at the shoulders. Then, when they outgrow them, the vests can be lengthened, and the armhole made larger by knitting a piece on to the shoulder seam.

If you want to knit up wool that has been used before, the quickest way to straighten the wool is to wind it round a piece of cardboard—the lid of a shoe-box—with the sides taken off will do.

Cover the wool with a damp cloth, and press well with a hot iron. It will come perfectly straight, and be ready for use again.

If you are knitting anything that needs to be cast off loosely have your right hand needle three or four times larger than those used for the actual knitting. This will ensure elasticity without spoiling the appearance of the work.

Odd pieces of wool can be knitted into sun-bathing suits for small children; the different colours give a gay rainbow effect.

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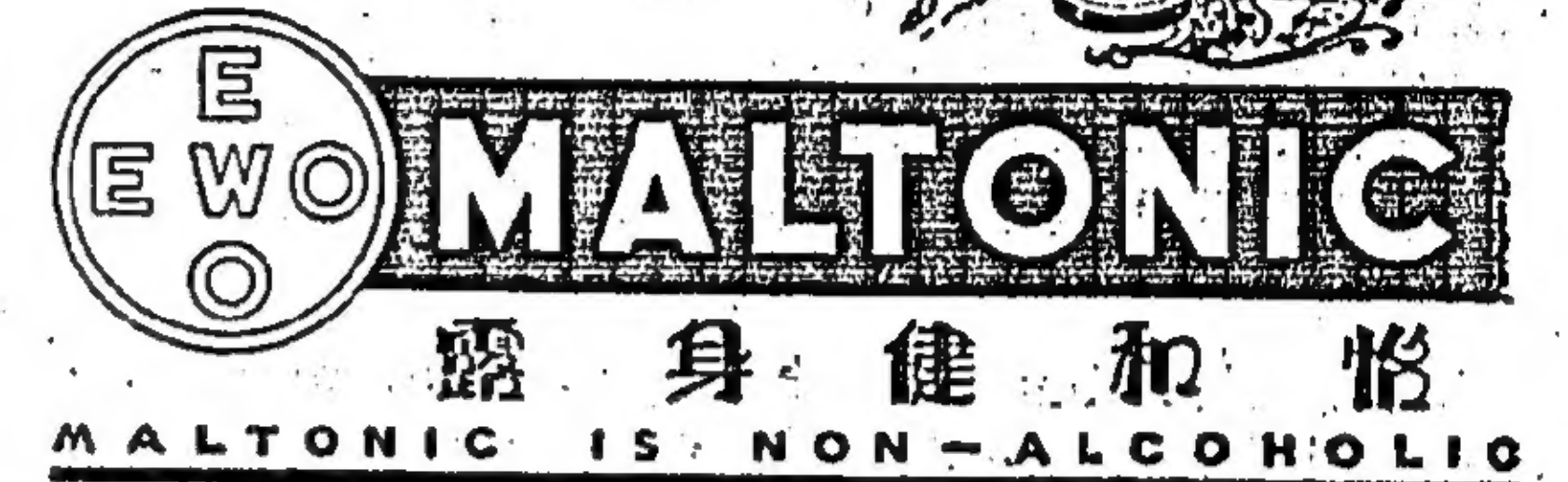
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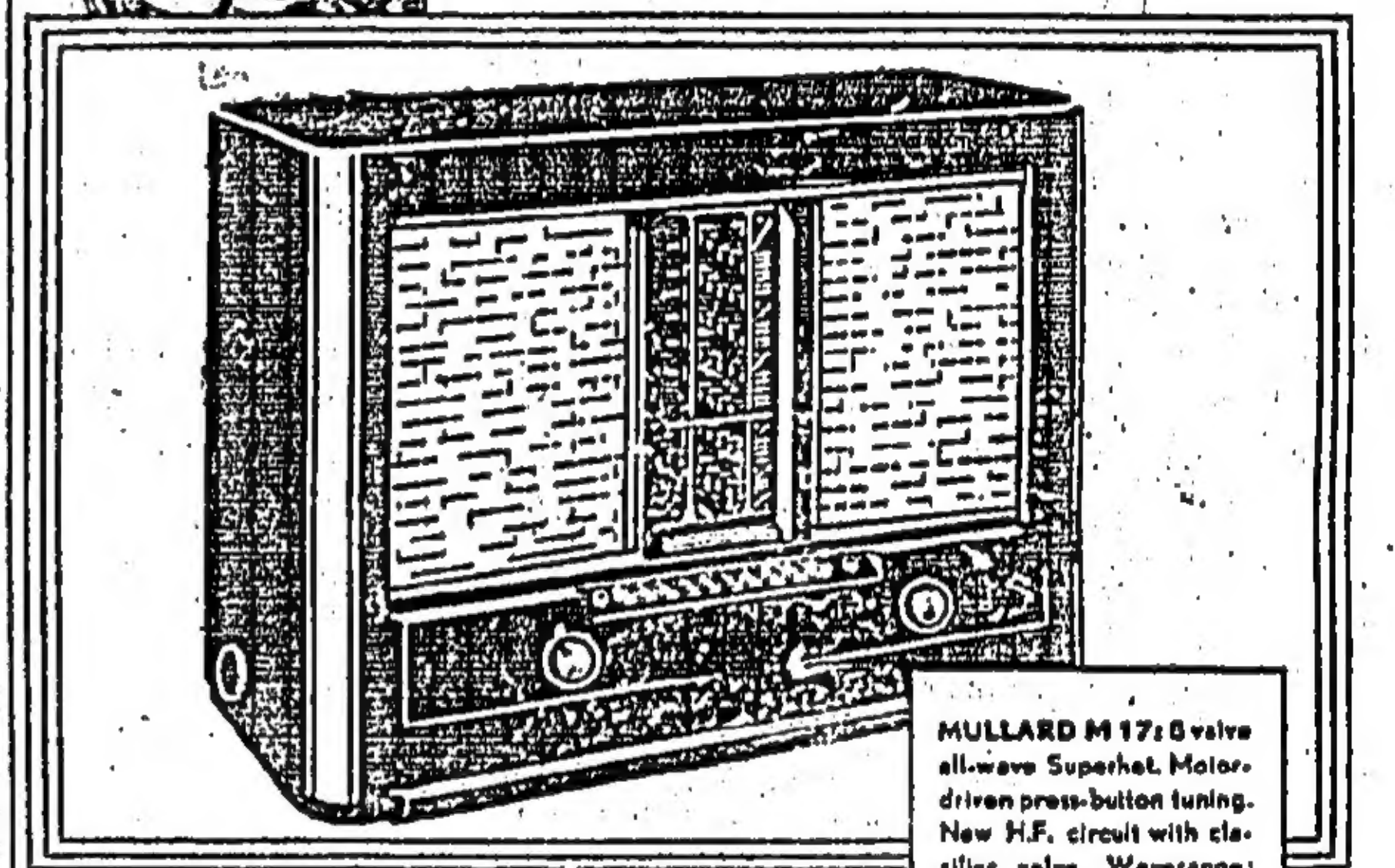
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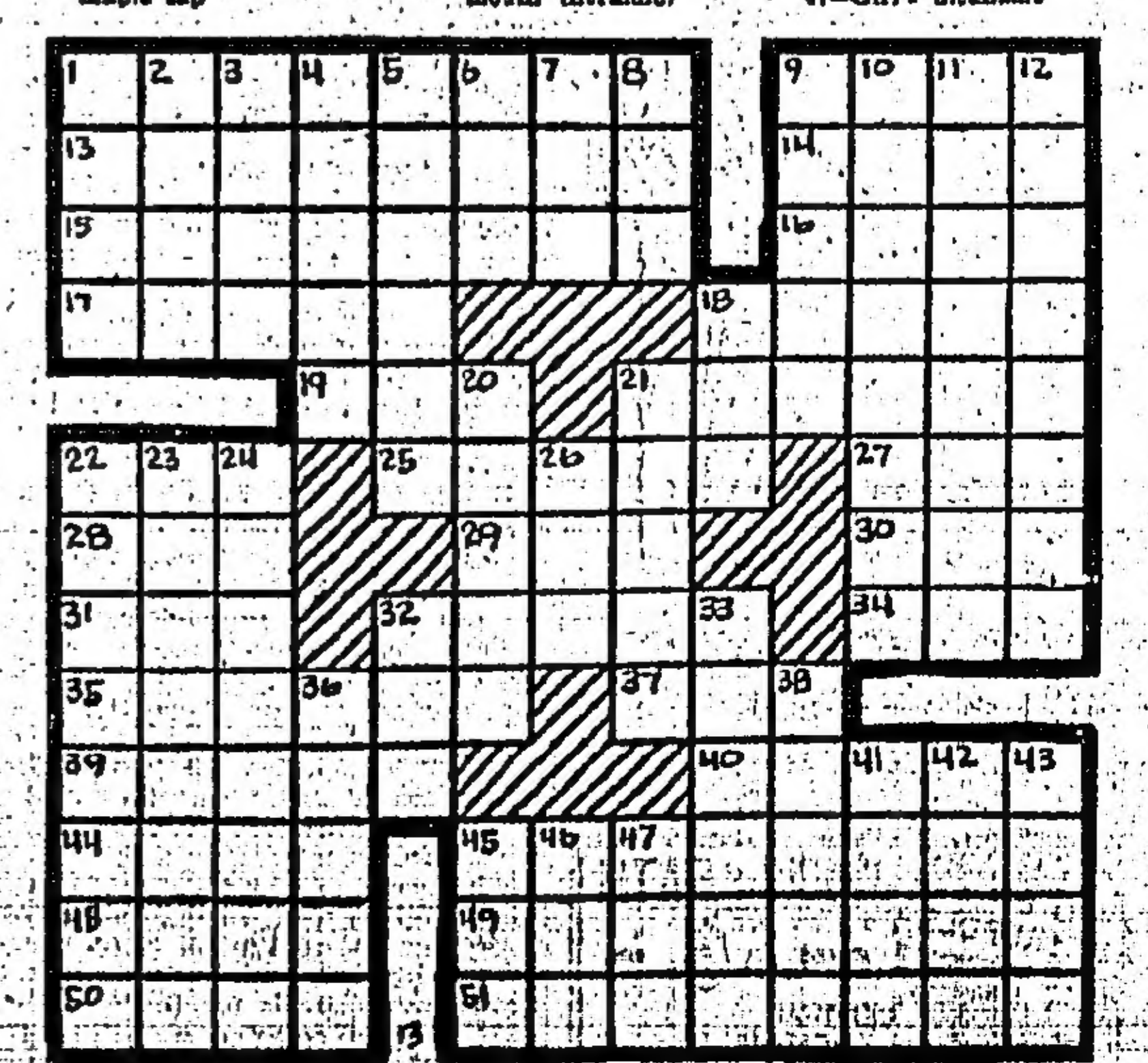
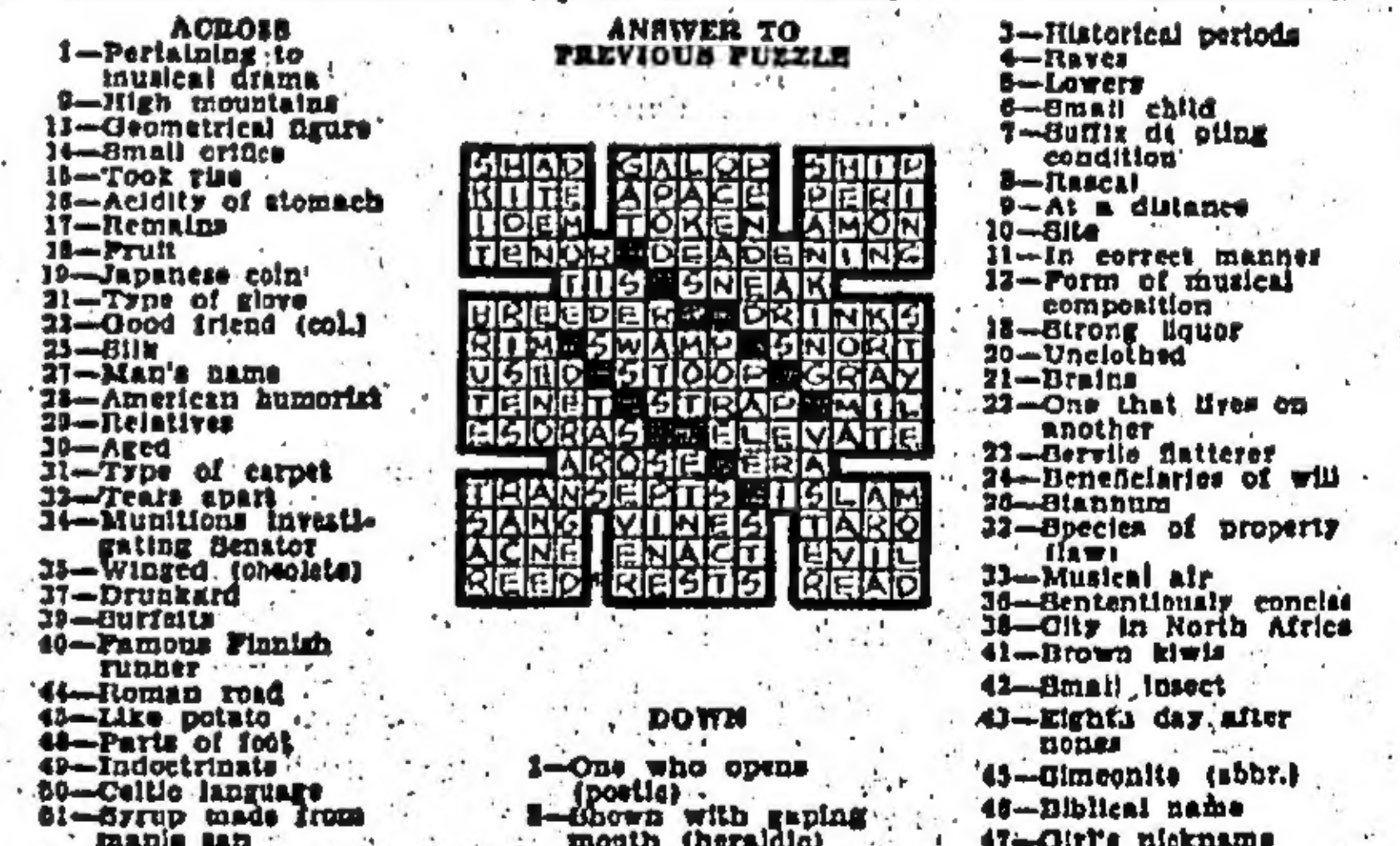
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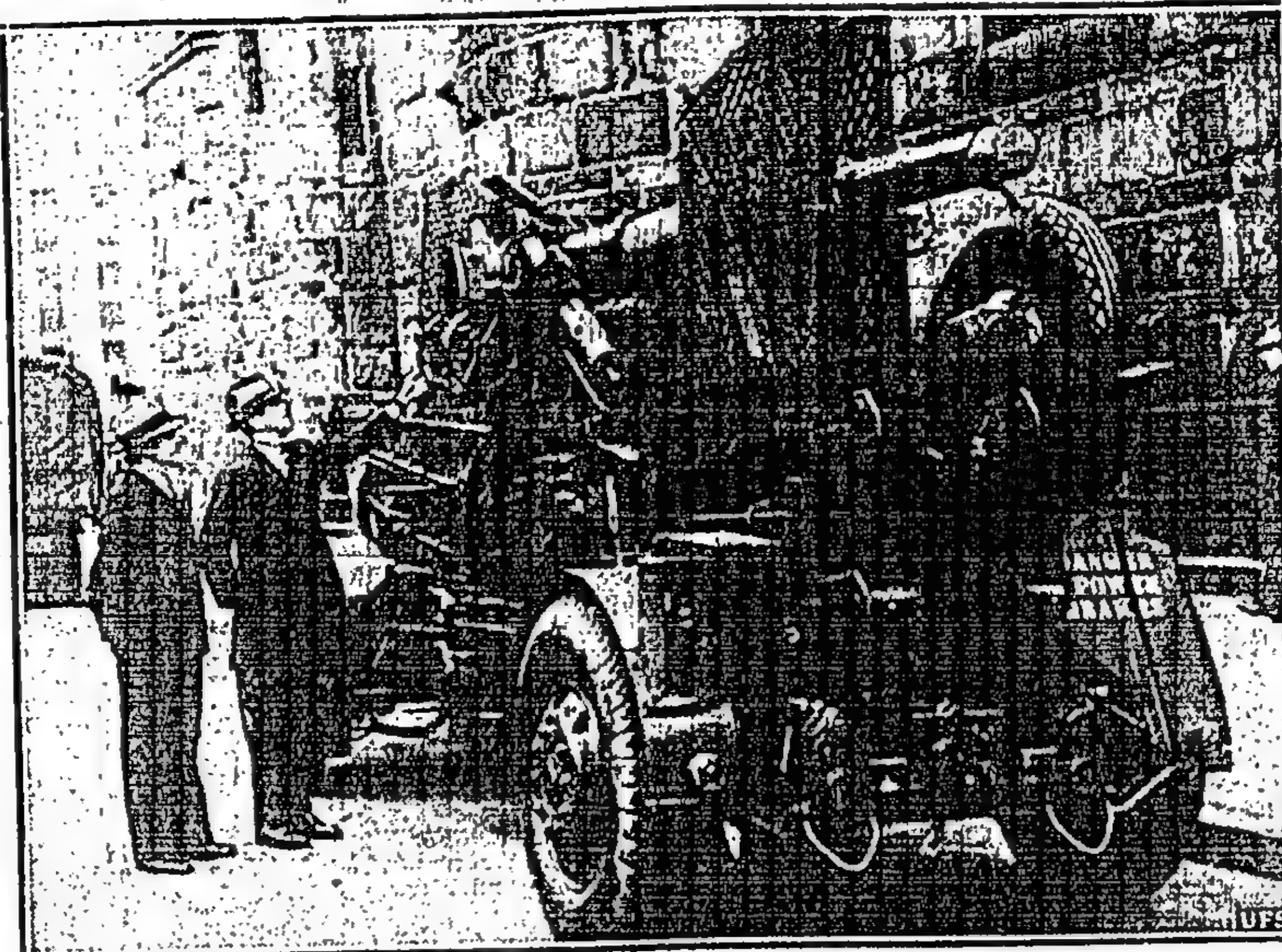
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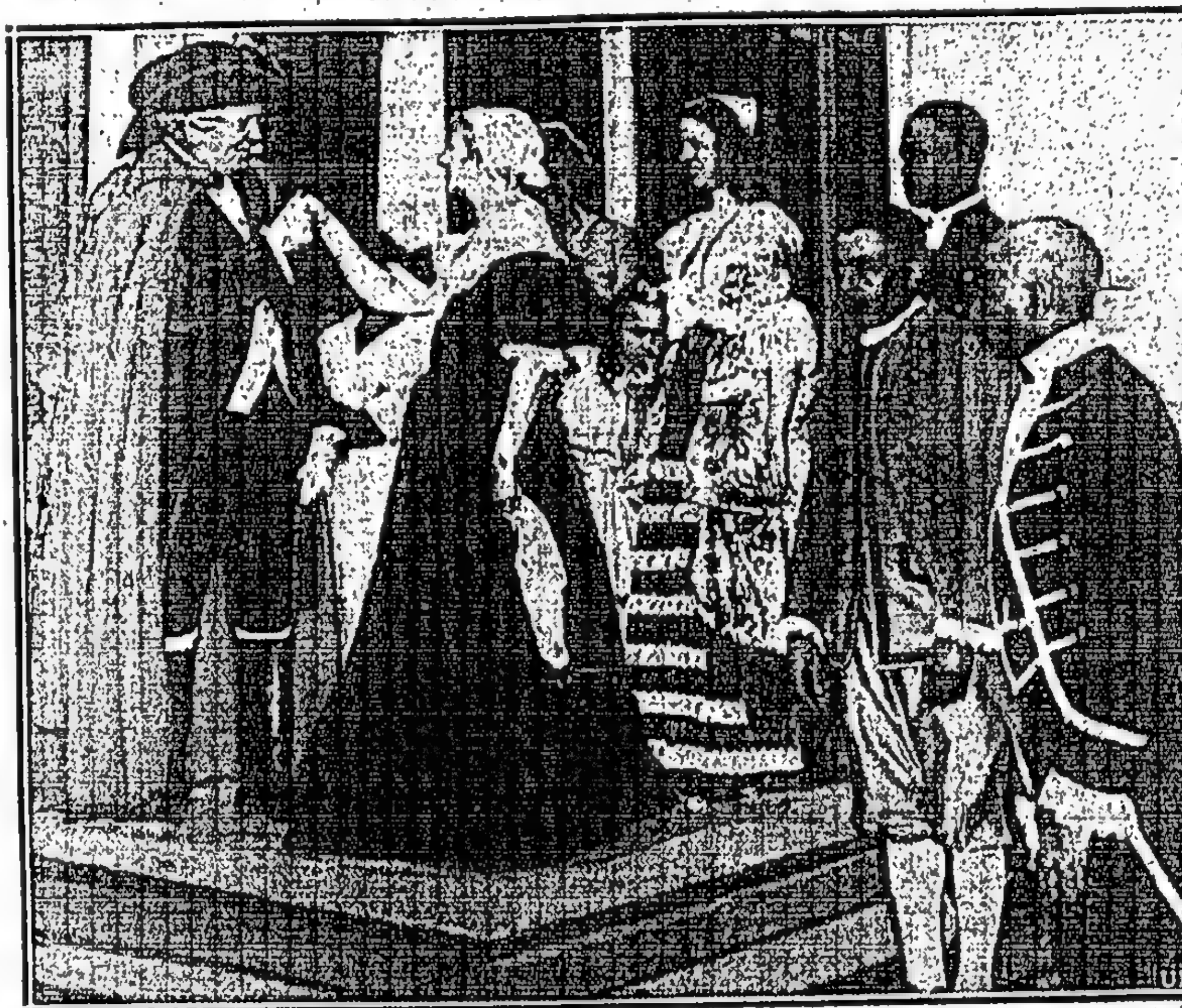
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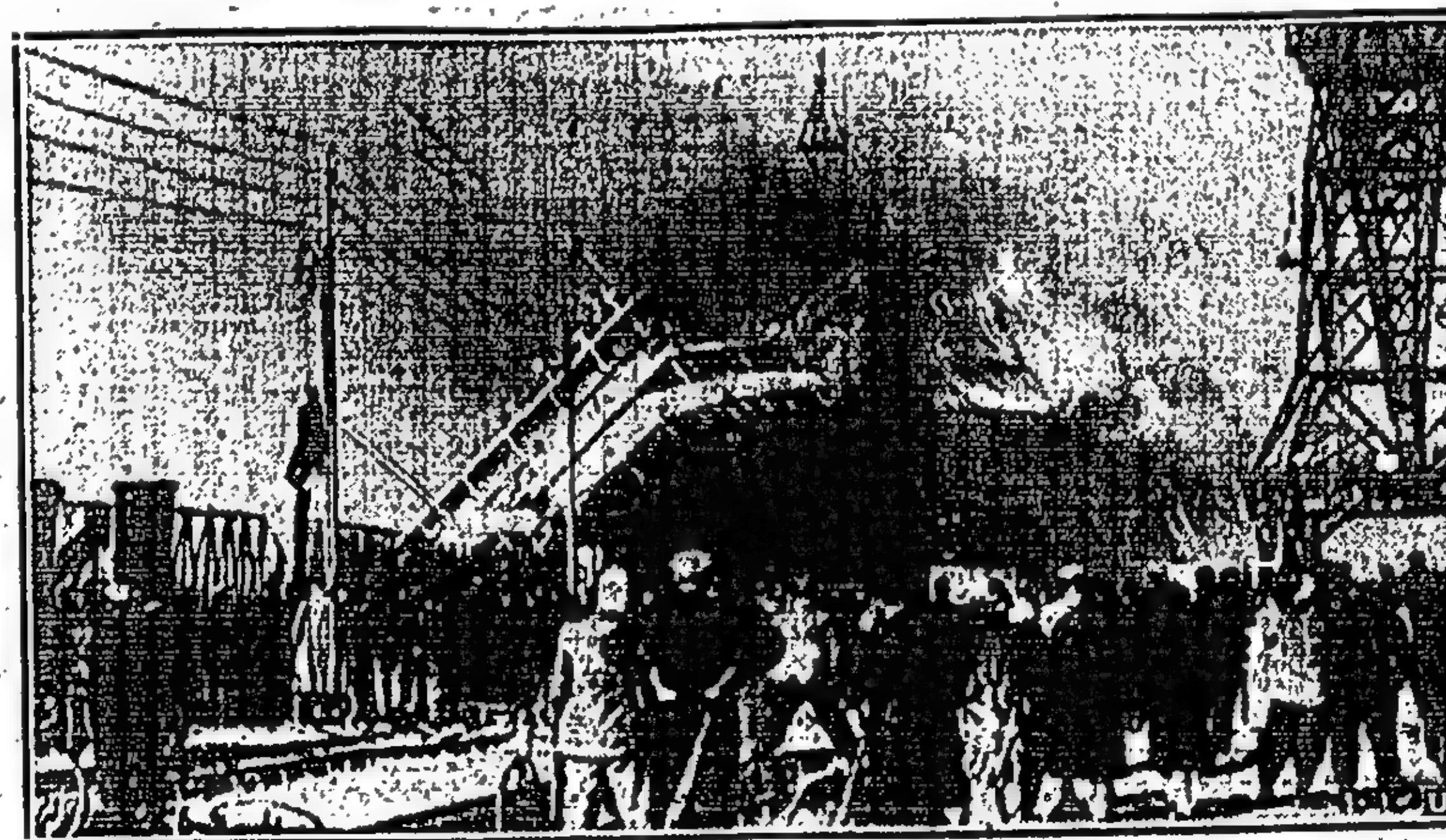
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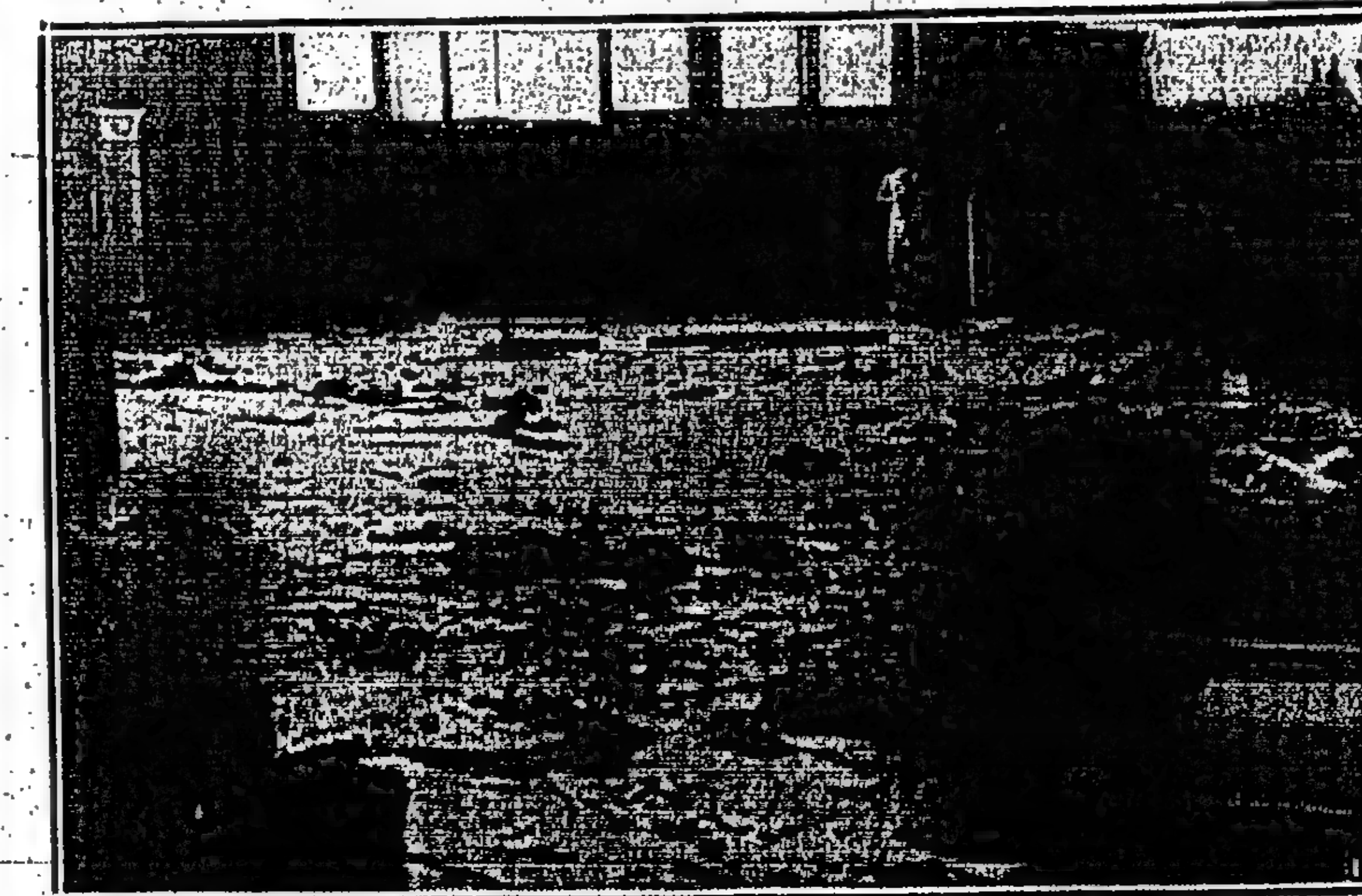
Huge new steel bulidog to guard the eastern coast of America was recently delivered to the 211th Coast Artillery anti-aircraft unit of the National Guard, at Boston. It's one of 12 three-inch, rapid-fire guns, with which the unit will be armed. It has a vertical range of 27,000 feet and fires 25 high-explosive shells a minute.



Impersonating the first President, Denys Wortman, New York artist who draws "Everyday Movies," bids farewell to Martha Washington (Agnes Felt) as he leaves Mount Vernon for his coach trip to New York. His coach followed inaugural route and he took oath on opening day of New York Fair.



This picture shows French luxury liner Paris keeling over at Le Harve dock after being destroyed by fire. Flames are still leaping from her decks.



Here is how looting Albanians left the saloon in the royal palace in Tirana, after King Zog fled and before the Italian troops arrived. Rioting mobs practically stripped the palace.

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The mail aboard the Dorado arrived in the Colony yesterday morning.

BY AIR FRANCE

Carrying 33,000 Kilos of mail and ten passengers, Air France arrived at Kai Tak at 1 p.m. yesterday. The passengers included Mr. T. Lo, from Hanoi, Miss Cavenham, from Hanoi, Mr. Scheyvon, from Hanoi, Mr. Kotah Beyrouth, and Mrs. Rondon.

SOYOKAZE FOR CANTON

Bangkok, May 24.
The Japanese monoplane Soyokaze which arrived here on May 19 on its return flight to Tokyo from Tehran, left here for Canton at 6.20 a.m.—Domei.

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R. OHL, Agent.

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PLANE TURNS BACK

Bangkok, May 24.
The Japanese monoplane Soyokaze which left this morning, was overtaken by a thunderstorm and returned.

The plane will postpone its departure until fine weather.—Domei.

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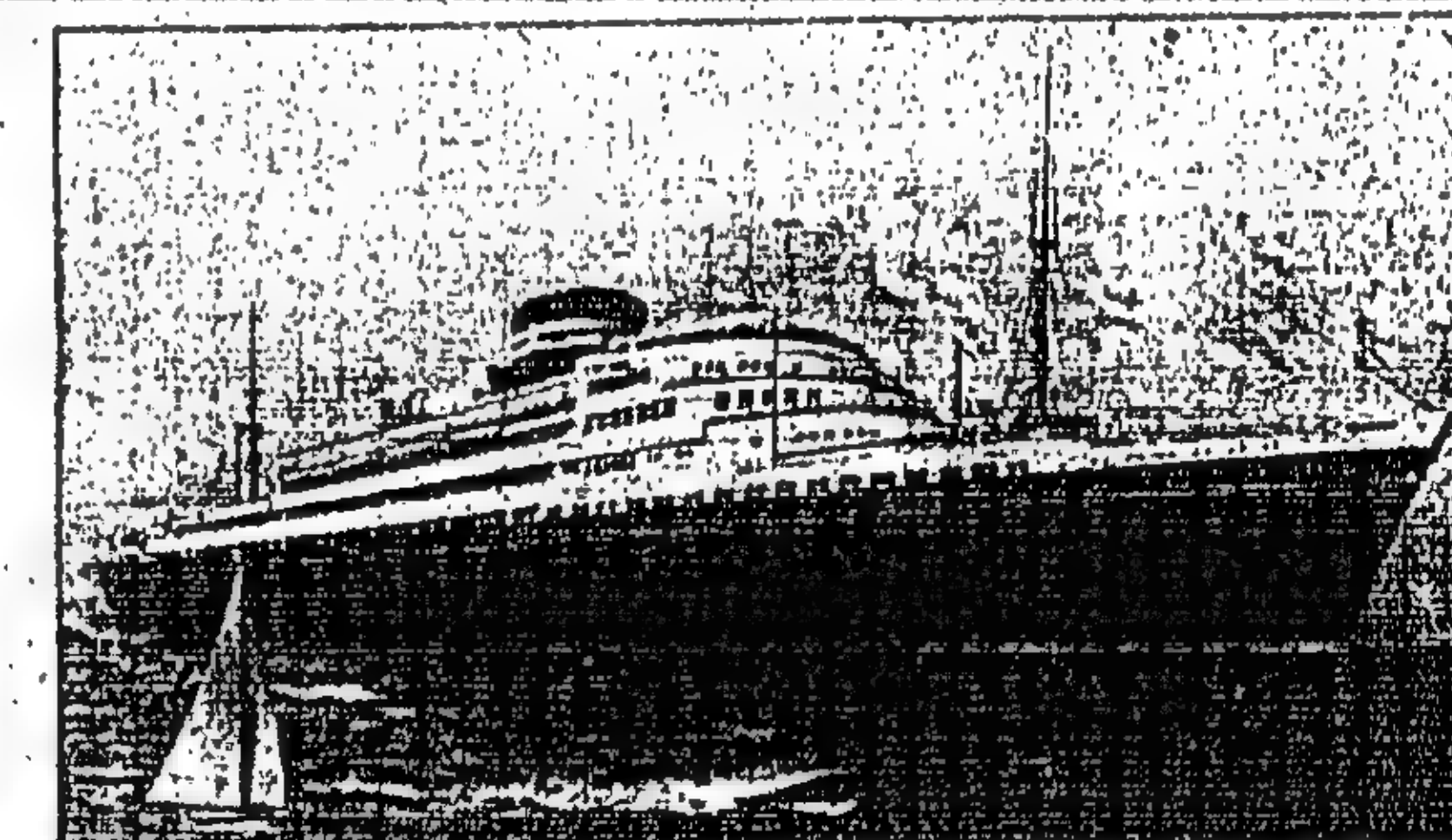
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CHARITY FAIR

Kowloon Function For War Orphans

The Children's Charity Fair organized in aid of the National Association for the Care of War Orphans was held in warm weather on the open ground in Nathan Road, opposite the Peninsula Hotel, yesterday.

Children, in particular, were well catered for. The pony rides and slide were most popular, while most of the side shows were also well patronized.

The main feature of the Fair was the Children's Dress Parade by European and Chinese children. This was held in the main market, while Mrs. M. J. Abbot and Miss I. Ho Tung described the style and period of each dress. There was an English Bridal Procession and an old-fashioned Chinese Marriage Tableau.

Those taking part were:

"Peace" (Claire Van Wyllke); Wedding Group: Bride (Nancy Roxburgh); Groom (Michael Pringle); Matron of Honour (Penelope Doddwell); Pages (Gavin Gordon and Martin de Ville); Bridesmaids (Ruth Foster and Jennifer Branson); Flower Girls (Rosemary Abbott, Sheila Ralph and Victoria Holmes); General Parade: Party Clothes (Georgie Holmes, Isobel Durran and John Hole); Boy's Suits (Beat, Adrian Robertson, Peter Bousfield and Michael Sheppard); Girls' Frocks (Every Day); (Susan Grimshaw, Margaret Anne Berg, Chantal du Bus and Anne Potter); Boy's Suits (Every Day); (Michael Gambler, David Newbigin and Malcolm Anderson); Bathing Suits (Gwenith Hugh Jones and Elizabeth Robertson); Sun Suits and Shorts (Sheila Prentis and Mary Steel Perkins); Frocks and Dolls to Match (Rosemary Prior and Wendy Duncan).

Wedding Group: Bride (Tai Mo-han); Bridegroom (Shum Chung-yun); Father-in-Law (Liang Tui-man); Mother-in-Law (Gloria Ho); Amah No. 1 (Lily Ho); Amah No. 2 (Kwan Lun-shu). Girls' Parade: A Chinese Maiden in the Days of Sung and Ming (Rose Tom); Young Manchu Maiden (Hubby Ching); Goddess of Mercy (Cynthia Lo); A Northern Peasant Woman on Chinese New Year Day (Regina Yiu); When Mamma Goes Dancing in 1939 (Rene Yuen); A Country Child (Catherine Li). Boys' Parade: "Chuang Yuen", A Scholar in the Days of Ming (Yuh Ho); Boy in the Days of Ming Sung and Tang (Billie Lo); An Official in the China Dynasty (Lloyd Eur); A Child in the Days of Ching (Richard Yeo).

Raffle tickets at 50 and 20 cents each were sold during the afternoon, and the lucky numbers were drawn by Madame Sun Yat-sen at 5.45 p.m.

Fair at the Peak

The second day of the Fair will take place on June 3, in the house and grounds of Sir Robert Ho Tung, 254 The Peak, which will be thrown open to the public for the occasion. A cinema, and boating will be added to the many attractions for that day.

The general committee is as follows: (Mrs. W. J. Carlie (Chairman), Mrs. S. Caine, Miss I. Ho Tung (Organiser), Miss R. Kwok (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. M. K. Lo, Lady Pollock, Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Mrs. N. L. Smith, Miss H. D. Sawyer, Mrs. G. E. S. Updell, Mrs. A. J. Whitmore (Co-organiser), Miss M. Wong, Miss S. Y. Yip, The Principal, Kowloon Junior School; The Principal, Peak School; The Principal, Quarry Bay School. Music was supplied by an orchestra from the Peninsula Hotel, while a number of songs were sung by the orphans after the drawing of the prizes.

ST. ANDREW'S FETE

That preparations are being made for the annual bazaar and fete of St. Andrew's Church was reported at a meeting held at the Church Hall last night.

December 2 has been tentatively fixed as the day of the fete. The next meeting will be at 8.45 p.m. on June 28.

Other attractions at the fair included a darts stand, rocking horse, embroidery and doll stall, bran tub, fish ponds, conjurer, and a bear den. The refreshments hut was also well patronized.

OSTRICH FEATHERS

Unusual Trimming For Bride's Lace Dress

Ostrich feather tips made the unusual trimming for the lovely white lace wedding gown worn by Miss Mary (Molly) Carson at her marriage yesterday to Mr. Cyril Chamberlain Blake.

MADE of cobweb-fine stiffened white lace over starched net and taffeta, the wedding gown was cut on close fitting lines to the hips. Circles of frilled net edged with ostrich feather tips, trimmed the bouffant skirt. The neckline was squared at back and front, with one ostrich feather for interest. The sleeves were long and fitted.

For a headress the bride wore an unusual flat-cap composed entirely of ostrich feather tips and trimmed with a petunia coloured bow.

The bride's trousseau was supplied by Messrs. McAllisters of Belfast. Miss Carson is the daughter of Mr. John Carson and the late Mrs. Carson, of "Lindley", Ballymena, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

The bridegroom, who is a partner of Messrs. Harriman, Blake and Co., of Hongkong, is the eldest son of the late Mr. Charles Blake and Mrs. Blake, of London.

Rev. A. P. Rose officiated at the ceremony, which took place at the Peak Church.

Mr. L. P. Ralph gave the bride away and Mr. H. F. Phillips, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, undertook the duties of best man.

The reception was held at the Peak residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ralph. Mrs. Blake afterwards changed into a two-piece ensemble of green rippled crepe-de-chine, with hat to match.

LATE NEWS

Border Clashes Not Severe

Tokyo, May 24. In a review of the situation along the Manchukuo-Outer Mongolia frontier, the spokesman of the Foreign Office this morning minimized the significance of the recent incidents. He expressed the belief that the present affair would not assume the proportions of the Changkufeng incident. He said that the Japanese Manchukuoan forces have secured the border by repelling all Outer Mongol attacks.

The spokesman revealed that since the engagement on May 11 the Outer Mongols have been reinforced and made repeated abortive attempts to wrest that district from the Manchukuoan patrol forces.

The spokesman indicated that the border east of Bul Lake was demarcated along the Haila River as contended by the Manchukuoan delegates at the Manchouli Conference in 1935. The boundary near the mouth of the Haila River flowing into Bul Lake ran south of the river according to maps, the spokesman added. He attributed the whole affair to the illegal crossing of the border by Outer Mongol troops.

CLASHES NOT SEVERE. Tokyo, May 24. A spokesman of the Foreign Ministry told pressmen to-day that the violations of Manchukuo territory by Outer Mongolian forces in no case would reach the extent of the Changkufeng incident which occurred in July 1938 between Manchukuoan and Soviet troops. The spokesman admitted that fighting has taken place since May 11 on various parts of the frontier, but the Mongolian troops every time were driven out from Manchukuo by the combined Manchukuoan-Japanese forces—Trans-Ocean.

LECTURE ON MUSIC

Review and Hints By Dr. A. Mistowski

A review of the recent Trinity College examinations held in Hongkong and practical hints on music, were given by Dr. A. Mistowski at the Club Lusitano yesterday. Mr. O'Neill Shaw introduced Dr. Mistowski, saying that the examination held recently were very successful, and the percentage of passes high.

Dr. Mistowski congratulated the teachers and praised the students for their hard work, as shown in the examinations. A recommendation that students look to the musicians' syllabus as a guide in their learning, was put forward by Dr. Mistowski, who added that he was surprised by the way ordinary children in England developed their musical faculty by following the syllabus.

That in Hongkong there was excellent material in singing was mentioned by the speaker who regretted that few in the Colony were interested in the violin and cello.

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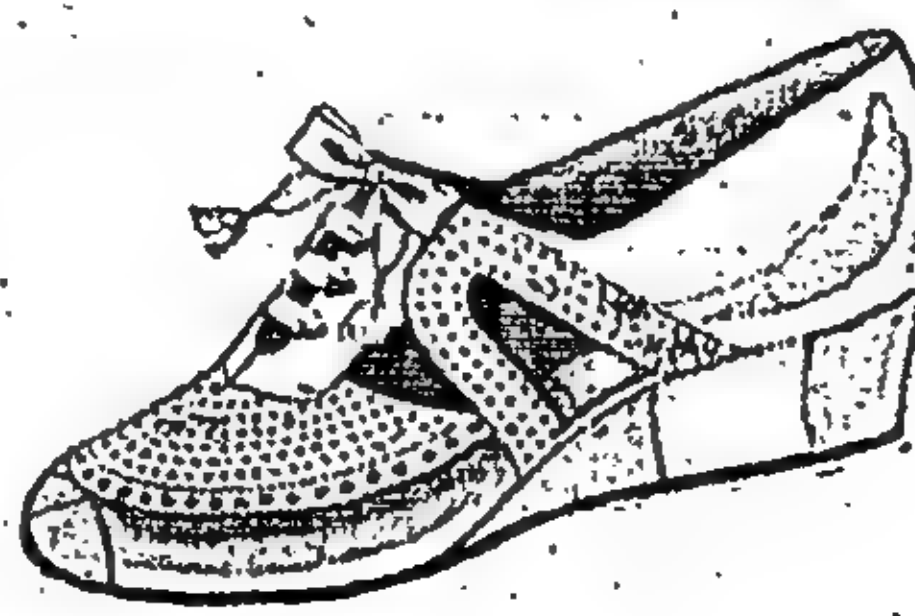
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FRANCO-SOVIET PACT BECOMES TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Premier Announces Pact Details: Full Agreement At Early Date

LONDON, May 24.

THE BRITISH CABINET has announced the decision to conclude a mutual aid pact with Russia.

DANZIG SITUATION BECOMES SERIOUS

BERLIN, May 24.

INFORMED circles close to the Wilhelmstrasse have indicated that the renewed tension in Danzig is serious. They express the belief that if the Danzig Senate's protest to Warsaw is not answered satisfactorily the German Foreign Office may make strong representations to the Polish Government.—United Press.

STRONG PROTEST

DANZIG, May 24.

Following yesterday's report by a German chauffeur that he was fired on near the Polish frontier, the Danzig Germans have sent a new note vigorously protesting to Poland against the alleged violation of Danzig's sovereignty.

SIX POINTS EMPHASISED

Danzig, May 24.

Dr. Gieseler, President of the Danzig Senate, has lodged a further sharp protest with the Polish Government against alleged violations of Danzig territory.

The note is said to have called attention to the following six points:

1. Within a few days, several houses have been burned down in the Danzig territory near the frontier by Polish soldiers.
2. The official commission of investigation appointed by the Danzig authorities was prevented by Polish soldiers from carrying out its activities in the Danzig territory.
3. Polish soldiers on patrol duty have repeatedly crossed into Danzig territory.
4. Polish military planes have repeatedly flown over Danzig territory.
5. A harmless excursionist was murdered at Kallhof by the chauffeur of a Polish diplomatic agent.
6. The murderer was brought into safety across the Polish frontier by officials of the Danzig diplomatic agency.

The note goes on to say that only the use of the discipline of the Danzig officials and the population were disastrous results avoided. The Polish Government is requested to take the necessary measures for restoring order on the Danzig frontier, and for checking excesses by officials and others in its service.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER'S HOPE

LONDON, May 24.

The hope that the recent incidents at Danzig would not be permitted to lead to greater complications was expressed by the Prime Minister at a question-time in the House of Commons when he gave the House such information as was in the possession of the Foreign Secretary regarding the events at Kallhof on Sunday.

Mr. Chamberlain said that according to reports received in the Foreign Office, demonstrations were made on May 21 against the Polish Customs House at Kallhof within the Danzig territory on the East-Prussian border. There was a conflict of evidence

HALF OF A TOWN IN FLAMES

Two Perish In Estonia Disaster

TALLINN, May 24.

A LARGE part of Petseri, most important town in south-eastern Estonia, was destroyed by fire to-day.

The conflagration started in a wooden shed and spread with amazing rapidity, fanned by a strong wind. In less than an hour the entire central part of the town was in flames.

Local fire brigades, assisted by brigades from adjacent towns and villages, finally succeeded in getting the fire under control in the early afternoon, following a desperate struggle.

By this time, however, more than 100 buildings had been destroyed by the flames.

The town hall, two hotels, two banks, and a cinema were completely demolished.

The strong wind carried sparks from the flaming buildings to two villages near Petseri, setting fire to several buildings.

At six o'clock this evening two villages were in flames.

The historic monastery near Petseri, which was built in the 15th century, and which contains priceless art treasures, fortunately escaped undamaged.—Trans-Ocean.

TWO DEAD, EIGHT GRAVELY INJURED

Later.

It is now estimated that 200 residential houses were destroyed by the fire, and that between 1,500 and 2,000 inhabitants of Petseri have been rendered homeless.

Two people are known to have perished in the flames, and eight others are suffering from grave injuries.

Reports add that troops and defence corps units from various nearby towns assisted the fire brigades in combating the blaze.

Loss of property runs into millions of roubles.

Provisions and other supplies are being rushed to Petseri from neighbouring towns for the relief of the stricken population.—Trans-Ocean.

as to the nature and results of these demonstrations.

The Polish Commissioner-General in Danzig sent representatives to investigate the affair and, in circumstances of which accounts also differed very widely, a Danzig citizen was killed. It was after recording the formal protests had been made.

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A Government spokesman told the "United Press" that the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, hoped within 24 hours to instruct the British Ambassador to Moscow to propose to the Soviet Foreign Minister a conclusion of a complete pact for mutual aid.

It is the intention at present to merge the 1936 Franco-Soviet mutual assistance treaty into a triple alliance.

It is also understood that the Cabinet has approved the provision obligating any two powers' armed forces to go to the aid of the third if attacked.

Mr. Chamberlain said all the relevant points of view had been made clear, although there are still some further points to be clarified. He does not anticipate any difficulty in regard to these.

Earlier, the Premier declined to give assurances that there would be no *de facto* recognition of the Czech conquest without the prior consent of the House of Commons.—United Press.

Geneva Conversations

LONDON, May 24.—Replying to a question by Mr. Clement Attlee in the House of Commons to-day on Anglo-Soviet relations, Mr. Chamberlain said:

"The House is aware that Viscount Halifax was able to have conversations with the French Ministers in Paris on his way to Geneva. He was also able to continue in Geneva, the conversations which had been conducted with the Soviet Ambassador to London.

"As a result of these conversations, all relevant points of view have now been clear, and I have every reason to hope that as a result of the proposals which His Majesty's Government is now in a position to make on the main questions arising, it will be found possible to reach a full agreement at an early date.

"There still remain some further points to be cleared up, but I do not anticipate these are likely to give rise to any serious difficulty."

Definite Statement

Mr. Attlee asked whether it would be possible to make a more definite and fuller statement before the House adjourned for the Whitsun recess.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "If possible, such a statement of course, will be made. As I mentioned, there are some points which still will be cleared up, and I think probably it may be necessary to wait until after we come back, when I hope it will be possible then to give a complete account of the agreement which I trust then will have been reached."

This reply caused an uproar among the Opposition members.

Mr. Hugh Dalton (Labour) declared: "In view of the continuing dangers in the international situation, we should not make these delays in the formation of a peace front."

The Premier did not reply.—Reuter.

Certain To Accept

GENEVA, May 24.—The report that Britain has decided to accept a pact of mutual assistance with the Soviet is received with reserve by Soviet circles here in view of Mr. Chamberlain's guarded statement in the House of Commons.

They feel that lengthy negotiations may still be necessary to achieve the complete accord.

British, French and other quarters, however, believe the report to be correct.

The French Foreign Minister has told other Geneva delegates that the British Cabinet is certain to accept the mutual aid pact.

It is also reported that Mr. Cham-

APPEALED FOR ASSISTANCE

FOLLOWING closely on the Ranpura incident, a Japanese destroyer yesterday held up the 15,500-ton Messageries Maritimes liner Aramis, less than an hour after it left Hongkong en route to Shanghai.

Despite vigorous protests by the Commander of the gleaming white liner, a Japanese boarding party of three officers and two men forced its way on board and seized the ship's papers and log book.

These were thoroughly examined before being returned to the ship.

Although the squat, square funnels and gleaming white hull, on which is painted a huge tricolour, left no doubt regarding the nationality of the liner, the Officer in Charge of the boarding party insisted on obtaining verbal confirmation of the port of origin, the port of departure and the type of cargo carried.

ABOARD FOR HOUR

The Japanese remained aboard the vessel for approximately one hour, after which it was released.

The Aramis is scheduled to arrive in Shanghai to-night.

The French liner left the Kowloon wharves, where she tied up alongside the P. & O. liner Ranpura, at 1 o'clock yesterday.

STRONG PROTEST LODGED

Sir Percy Noble Tells Japanese

THE "TELEGRAPH" understands that a strong protest has been lodged with the Japanese authorities by the British Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Percy Noble, in connection with the Ranpura outrage.

It was reported from unofficial sources this morning that, as an outcome of the incident, British naval guards may be placed on all British ships trading to and from the Far East.

It is emphasised that there is no confirmation for this report of which the naval spokesman at present knows nothing.

A sensational rumour was current in Shanghai this morning that the Japanese boarding party had seized three official mail bags aboard the Ranpura. The bags were allegedly on consignment to the military authorities in Hongkong. This rumour is emphatically denied in official military circles.

Yangtze Interference

LONDON, May 24.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain stated in the course of a reply in the House of Commons to-day that Viscount Halifax had received a number of reports indicating that there recently had been a marked intensification in interference with British trade and shipping in the lower Yangtze delta.

He added that representations were being made to the Japanese Government.—Reuter.

About 40 minutes after leaving Hongkong territorial waters, the ship was intercepted by a Japanese destroyer, which hoisted the usual "heave to" signal, to which it drew attention by firing a blank shot.

About 80 saloon and 200 passengers were aboard the French ship.

Radio Appeal

The "Telegraph" understands that the Commander of the Aramis sent a radio appeal to the French Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Decoux, who is at Amoy aboard the cruiser Lamotte Piquet, in connection with the Kallansu incident.

Owing to the distance involved, no French warship could be sent to the rescue of the liner.

A report of the incident was immediately conveyed to the British naval authorities, both in Hongkong and Amoy, but no request was made for British assistance.

It is presumed, however, that the French Commander-in-Chief will launch a vigorous protest with the Japanese Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Kondo, who is also at Amoy. Representations are also likely to be made in Tokyo.

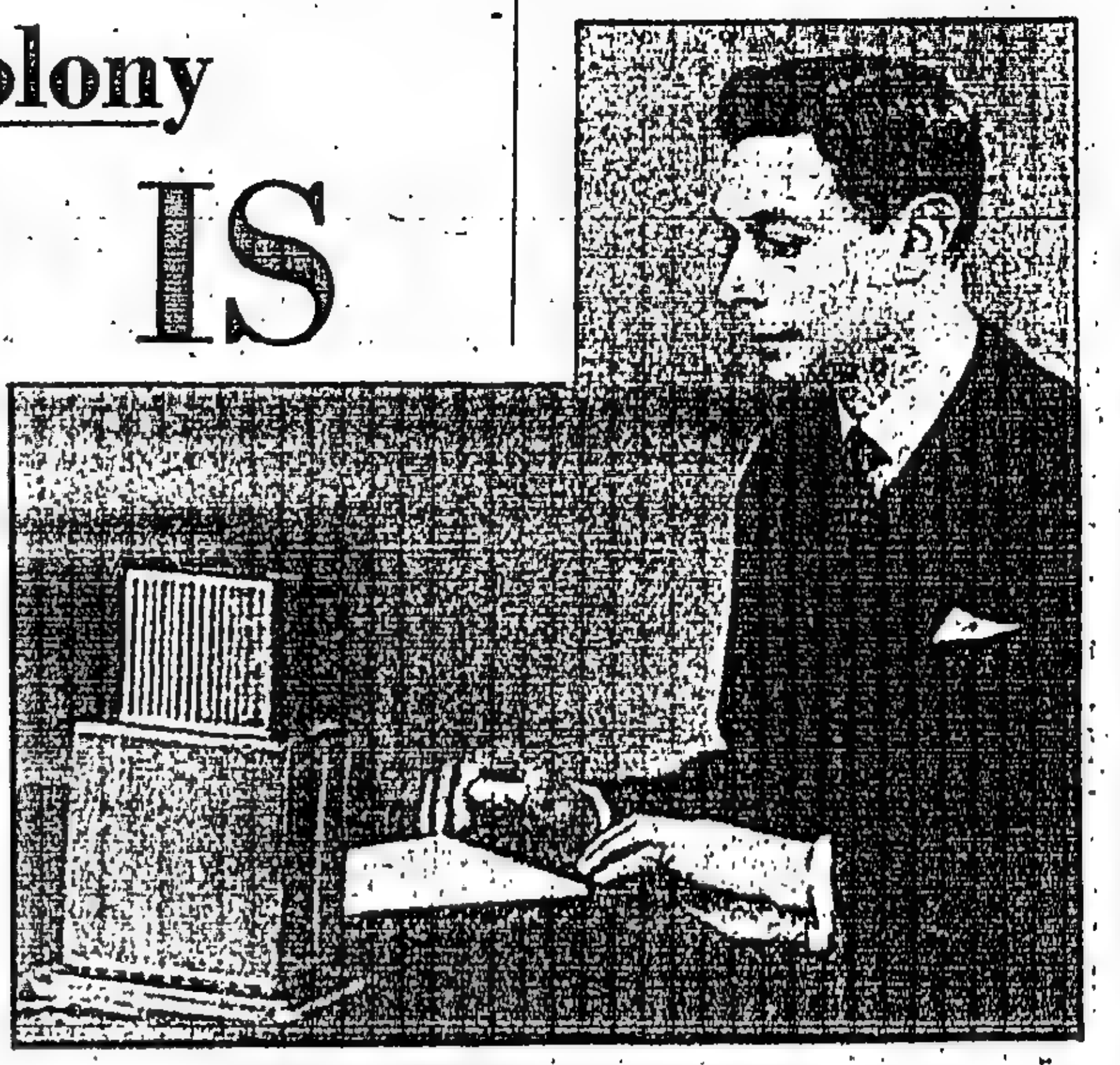
No Details Yet

The French Consul-General, M. Dupuy, stated this morning that so far his only information was that the Aramis had been stopped.

When asked if the Consulate would be making a report to the French Government, he said: "We have no details yet, so we have to wait."

War Insurance

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The Maritime Commission has submitted to Congress recommendations for legislation providing for Government's marine war-risk insurance and reinsurance, as well as the ordinary elak insurance Commission, which would administer the new services which were intended to meet the present emergency needs of water-borne commerce.—Reuter.



THE KING at the microphone.

BONDS LINK TWO DEMOCRACIES

KING GEORGE VI PLEDGES PEACE

WINNIPEG, May 24.

HIS MAJESTY the King to-day made what is possibly the most vital pronouncement on international affairs he has ever uttered, during his Empire Day radio broadcast.

"Canada and the United States have had to dispose of searching differences in their aims and interests during the past hundred years but never has one of these difficulties been resolved by force or threat," he said.

"No man, thank God, will ever again conceive such arbitrament between the people of my Empire as obtained during the wars for independence."

His Majesty thereby pledged peace with the United States. International politics is another of a series of broken precedents and it seems that the King and his advisers on tour are entering a phase of more dynamic conception of the duties as a constitutional monarch than they have hitherto.—United Press.

Text Of Speech

WINNIPEG, May 24.—Addressing the Empire by radio, the King declared that civilisation in Europe and Asia was sorely troubled, and the Old World might look for guidance to the New World.

Recalling that Winnipeg City, from which he was speaking, was no more than a fort and a hamlet upon an open prairie when Queen Victoria began to rule, His Majesty said that to-day it was a monument to the faith and energy which had created and helped up a world-wide Empire of our time.

"We often talk of the Old World and the New. It is one of the greatest services of the British Empire, that it serves as a link to harmonise the two. For a long period history was the mind of Europe, which led the march and fixed the aims of progress in the world. But that tide of inspiration is no longer running as it did in times gone by.

Civilisation
"Christian civilisation in Europe is now profoundly troubled and challenged from within. We are striving PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST

Govt. Loses By-Election

London, May 25.

Another serious rebuff for the British Government's policy was administered yesterday, when in a by-election at Kennington, the Government lost the seat to Labour.

In a total turn-over of 4,141 votes, Mr. John Wilmot gained the seat for Labour by polling 10,715 against Major Angus Kennedy, Conservative, who received 7,119 votes.

The Labour majority was 3,596.

In the last election Sir George Harvey, Conservative, won by the narrow margin of 545, polling 12,401 votes.

The by-election was caused by his death recently.—Reuter Special.

Yen Recovering In Shanghai

Shanghai, May 24.

The yen registered a further recovery in the unofficial market this morning, native shops buying at about 97 National cents, compared with 85 yesterday afternoon, and 89 on Tuesday.—Reuter.

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JAPAN ISSUES THREAT TO FRANCE

TOKYO, May 25.

JAPAN regards the reported engagement by the Chungking Government of 30 French military advisers as an "unfriendly act" by France, and a spokesman in the Foreign Office to-day told foreign correspondents that if the report is true, the Japanese Government will be compelled to take proper measures.

The spokesman did not explain what was meant by "proper measures," but he indicated that the Government took a serious view of the report.

The "Nichi Nichi Shinbun" to-day declares that there apparently exist some connections between France and the Soviet Union in their assistance to the Chinese National Government.

ment by Mr. Arsene Cosme, that co-operation between France and Russia had no bearing on the Far East.

The paper urges the Government to make a demarche to France in view of the alleged inconsistency between the French Ambassador's assurance and the dispatch of French military advisers to Chungking.—Dome.

THAMES-SIDE SERBS TO GO

"Ill-Kept" Camp Has Phone and Radio

TROUBLE has come to the family of Serbian "gipsies" who have been ordered by the Chertsey Bench to remove their camp by the riverside here within 28 days. Egham Council complained that it was noisy and ill-kept.

The six children of school age—Minnie, Millie, Nellie, Mary, Stanley and John Georgeovitch—came laughing and shouting home from the village school, but sobered down as they entered the camp.

Old Magda Georgeovitch, their grandmother, whose fingers are so thick with rings that she cannot bend some of them, sat on a heap of coloured rugs smoking one cigarette after another.

PRAYERS FOR BABY

"It is not the Court order that makes us so unhappy," she said. "It is that our youngest, a boy of four months, is sick in Weybridge Hospital."

Members of the family of 22 plan to go to the Russian Church, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., to pray for the baby's return to health. The Georgeovitches all belong to the Greek Orthodox Church. Technically they are not gipsies but wandering entertainers. They speak Yugo-Slavian and do not understand Romany, the gipsy tongue.

All but one speak English fluently. She is the young and good-looking Serbian bride whom Georgius Georgeovitch, son of Magda and her husband Stanislaus, went to Yugo-Slavia to find last summer.

ANCIENT AND MODERN

Their camp is a strange mixture of primitive and modern. Caravans and waggon are packed higgledy-piggledy amid a welter of rubbish in a tiny patch of hard, blackened earth.

But on the gate is the house-name "Riverside," and by it a letter-box. The camp has telephone, radio and water laid on.

The final touch of incongruity is a 30 h.p. sports coupe, 1939 model, beside a broken organ wagon.



This photograph of a cascade of much-needed water was taken on the Peak after the recent heavy rainfall.

Boxer's Daughter In London Town

IF Homicide Henry Armstrong, chocolate prize-fighting champion from Los Angeles, wants to double his victories in England, all he needs to do is to take his daughter, La Netta, into the ring beside him.

She will keep the victims enchanted until her father has time to knock them out. Welter or light-weights, it will make no difference.

La Netta has just turned four. She arrived in London recently with her parents and her aunt and uncle.

For three hours after she woke up the day after at noon, she worked on the English.

Her score was perfect. Every chance meeting brought her another enthralled slave—bellboys, chambermaids, porters, doormen at her West End hotel, a crowd of shy English children playing in the sand pit near Vauxhall Bridge, another crowd in Trafalgar-square.

Her technique is a model of simplicity. She turns her face, gold with a brown bloom all over it, up to you. She laughs a true peccaninny gurgle and crinkles her button nose. She has not a doubt that the world was made to be enjoyed.

When La Netta was born her fighting father could not think of a name for her. Then her granddad, a Baptist preacher, had a dream about La Netta, and that settled it.

MISSES HER PET

At the hotel she produced her doll, a peccaninny dressed in bright embroidery and beads.

"She's La Netta," said La Netta. "She's all got the same name as me."

Then she found the white velvet bunny they had given her for Easter aboard the Queen Mary. But she had something else to show.

She bumbled around, shouted: "Mamma, Mamma, Where's mah bananaanana? I cayan't find mah Easta bananaanana."

At her home, a white, Spanish-style house in California, La Netta has a dog, Barney. "He's a chasow," she says, and she misses him. So she went out to find some one to play with her.

She could not find a chow. But she found Rosie Ring, of Tinworth-street, S.E., and her chum, Rosie Hicks.

They were digging, their shoes and stockings off, in the sand at Vauxhall Bridge.

When La Netta, in her white coat and hat, ran towards them, they stopped their chattering, looked long, then Rosie Ring said: "Crumbs, where did you come from?"

SHE GRINNED

La Netta could not understand Rosie, so she just grinned.

Two minutes later she was showing the two Rosies and a crowd of other youngsters the inside of her little white handbag.

"Chickens. OOOoh. Chickens," she shouted when we got to Trafalgar-square.

She was not satisfied with feeding the pigeons with corn from her hand.

"Ah, wanna carry him home," she said, chasing one after another.

"Ah'm gonna get 'em cawn and see if mah daddy kin get one. Ah'm gonna pick 'em up and carry 'em home."

"Ah'm gonna carry 'em home an' let mah mamma see 'em."

Not until she got back to her hotel did La Netta turn sickle.

Aged 8, He Liked His Pipe

A boy aged eight was stated at Belfast Juvenile Court recently to be a hardened pipe smoker.

He appeared on two charges of theft and at a previous hearing it was alleged that while at the police station he tried to get the pipe which the sergeant was smoking.

The cases had been adjourned to see if the boy would give up smoking and in Court the boy, who had to stand on a seat to enable the magistrate to see him, solemnly declared that he had not had a puff at a pipe in the last four weeks.

The Magistrate: Are you sure you had not one on the quiet?—No.

Gliding For Air Cadets

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KING GEORGE VI PLEDGES PEACE

(Continued from Page 1.)

to restore its standards, though the task is long and hard.

"Asia too, is changing fast, and its mind is deeply disturbed. Is not this the moment when the Old World in its turn, might look for hope and guidance to the achievements of the New World?"

The King proceeded: "In a sense, race might be a dangerous and disruptive force, but the English and French had shown in Canada, that they could keep their pride, and the distinctive culture which it inspired, while yet combining to establish a broader freedom and security than either could have achieved alone."

Keep Their Pride

The King continuing, said now was that the only chapter in North American history that deserved consideration. Canada and the United States had to dispose of searching differences of aim and interest during the past 100 years, but never had one of those differences been resolved by force or threat.

War Of Independence

Referring to the American War of Independence, the King said: "No man, thank God, will ever again conceive of such an arbitrament between the peoples of my Empire and the peoples of the United States. Faith in reason and fair play, which we share with them, is one of the chief ideals that guides the British Empire in all its ways to-day. It is not in power and wealth alone, nor in dominion over other peoples that the true greatness of the Empire consists. Those things are but the instruments—they are not the end or the ideal. The end is freedom, justice, and peace in equal measure for all, secure against attack from without and within. It is only by adding spiritual dignity and material happiness to human life in all its myriad homes, that an Empire can claim to be of service to its own peoples and the world."

His Majesty concluded with a special greeting to the young listeners, urging them to remember that the key to all progress lay in faith, hope and love.

Their Majesties arrived at Winnipeg at 10.30 a.m. local time, having slept

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, the 29th May, 1939. (Whit Monday).

Hongkong, 24th May, 1939.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 26th. day of May to FRIDAY, the 2nd. of June, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 20th. May, 1939.

for the second night in succession aboard the royal train as it sped westward from Fort William. Extending a royal welcome to Their Majesties, Mr. John Bracken, Premier of Manitoba said that while they did not forget the best traditions of their ancestral lands, they all met their sovereigns as citizens of Canada, proud to be members of the Commonwealth of British nations, and prouder still of the traditions of the British Crown and British parliamentary institutions.

The King replying said that the people of Manitoba, having united many races in a common citizenship, might well be proud of such splendid fruit.

Immensity Of Country

"In my journey westward, I have been struck by the immensity of the country, and the many visible proofs of its material and social progress."

His Majesty added that it gave them the utmost pleasure to visit them, and they prayed that under divine blessing the people of Manitoba might continue to prosper.

—Reuter.

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A speech recorded by Mr. D.J. Sloss, V.C., A.A. Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, when he recently visited Chungking, will be broadcast at 10 o'clock (Hongkong time) to-night by the Chungking station KCOY, operating on a wavelength of 25.21 metres, or 11.9 megacycles.

The speech will deal with the present situation in China. A record was made of it when Mr. Sloss recently visited Chungking to confer with the educational and relief authorities there. Mr. Sloss was present in the capital during the devastating air raid of May 12.

Monarchy For Syria?

Press Forecasts

Beirut, May 24. Newspaper reports here to-day assert that the establishment of a monarchial regime will be proclaimed in Syria before the end of May. Rumours of the establishment of such a regime have been freely circulated here for some time.

The names of certain members of the pro-British Hashemite family are mentioned as likely candidates for the throne.

It is also stated that France has decided not to put into operation the Franco-Syrian treaty of 1936, which has still to be ratified by Finance.

DANZIG SITUATION BECOMES SERIOUS

(Continued from Page 1.) made on both sides that the Premier expressed the above hope.—British Wireless.

NEW ALLIANCE DENIED

The official Polish newspaper has issued an authorised statement denying foreign press reports that Poland and Rumania had decided to replace their defensive alliance pact which refers only to the eventuality of a Soviet attack on either of them, by a more comprehensive agreement. It is also denied that negotiations are now going on in Warsaw for the settlement of details of a more comprehensive Polish-Rumanian alliance.

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Wang's Latest Manoeuvres

May Try To Set Up New Government

SHANGHAI, May 24.

The possibility of Wang Ching-wei attempting to set up a new Chinese Government if Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek refuses to accept peace terms, is being discussed in Shanghai.

A close collaborator of Wang declared to-day that it was hoped Chiang Kai-shek would decide at the last moment to accept the terms for peace presented by Prince Konoye, former Japanese Premier, but that should he decide to continue the conflict, Wang Ching-wei will see himself compelled to abandon his former selflessness.

What measures he would adopt were not revealed, but his numerous friends and collaborators in Shanghai state that he and his colleagues might attempt to set up a new Government.—Trans-Ocean.

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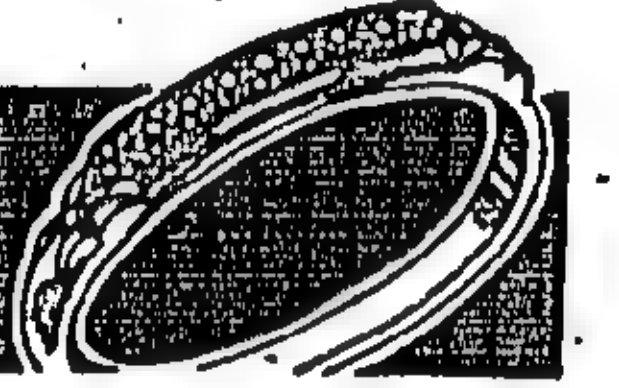
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M. C. C. STATEMENT ON 8-BALL OVER

The M.C.C. have issued the following announcement regarding the eight-ball over experiment:

"As has already been notified, the eight-ball over will be adopted in first-class cricket as an experiment during the 1939 season. The M.C.C. think it desirable at this juncture to clarify the position as regards other grades of cricket, especially in view of the fact that it is known that certain clubs have already experimented with the longer over, and no doubt many more clubs will wish to do so.

"It is extremely unlikely that any change in the law will be made until a trial over two seasons in first-class cricket has been given to the eight-ball over, and therefore no change in the law need be anticipated before the season of 1941. In the meantime, there is no objection to the eight-ball over being tried in league or club cricket in 1939 should this be wished.

"Any trials, however, in the case of clubs affiliated to conferences, leagues or associations can only be carried out subject to the regulations of the executive bodies concerned. An opportunity will be given to clubs, &c., to express their views on this subject at the end of the 1939 season, in order to enable the M.C.C. to decide whether any modifications for trials in 1940 are desirable. At the conclusion of the 1940 season, final opinions of clubs, &c., will be asked for.

"As regards schools, the M.C.C. do not wish the eight-ball over to be adopted during 1939, and have, therefore, decided that the schools matches to be played at Lords during that season will be played under the six-ball over as provided for in Law 13. It is probable, however, that schools will be asked to give a trial to an extended over in 1940, if by that time, experience in first-class and other cricket has indicated the desirability of making an alteration in Law 13."

For a number of years Border League matches have been played on the 50-over limit principle and the system has been a marked success. But to continue with the practice of 50 overs with an increase of from six to eight balls an over is an altogether different matter. On many occasions both sides in a match have occupied the wicket for their full quota of 50 overs, and play has lasted as long as five hours. With an eight-ball over in operation matches might be unduly prolonged and would be in danger of becoming a test of endurance provided batsmen could adopt the crawl methods of some modern Test match cricketers.

If the Border clubs decide to accept the Union's recommendation it is obvious that a curtailment of overs will be necessary. But it is in this respect that the difficulty arises. Border League cricket is governed by a hard and fast set of rules, and any change in the number of overs will necessitate an alteration to one of these rules. Whether this difficulty could be overcome in time to allow the eight-ball over to operate this season is a matter for the clubs themselves. They are well enough aware that under the present constitution rules cannot be altered except at the annual general meeting of the League which is generally held in November.

It is interesting to note, however, that previous to the Union's recommendation, one Border club had already thrown out the suggestion regarding the eight-ball over for season 1940 with a necessary curtailment of the number of overs from 50 to 35.

How Rule Affects The Border Clubs

The announcement that the Scottish Cricket Union had recommended the eight-ball over be put into operation this season will no doubt present a bit of a problem to the Border League clubs, says the Evening Dispatch.

CAR WORKERS STRIKE

DETROIT, May 24.—Over 70,000 automobile workers are idle as a result of a strike at the Briggs Manufacturing Company's plant, where a deadlock continues. It is estimated that 24,000 are members of the United Automobile Workers' organization.—Reuter.

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INWARD MAILS		
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Straits	Behar	May 25.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 25.
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Fort Bayard	Hareldawins	Thurs., May 25, 2.30 p.m.
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C., and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th June.	K.P.O.	Thurs., May 25.
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Sandakan	Mausang	Fri., May 26, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Kwangtung	Fri., May 26, 2.30 p.m.
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Manila	Fres. Coolidge	Fri., May 26, 7 p.m.
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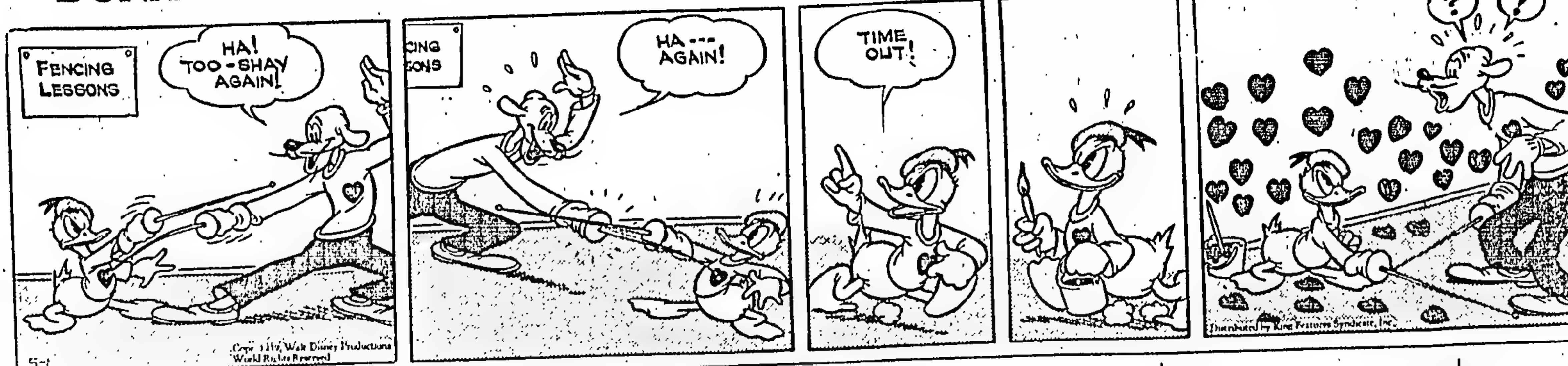
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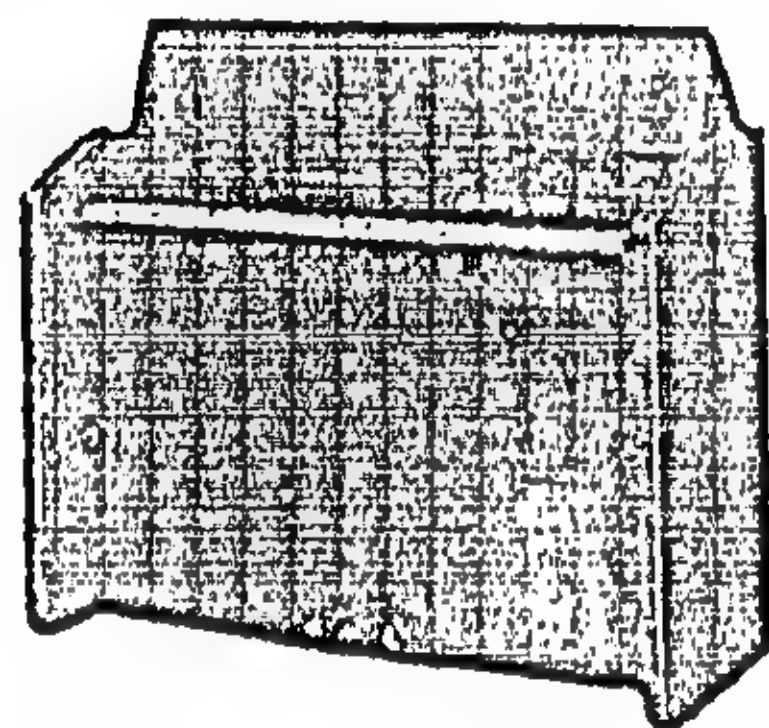
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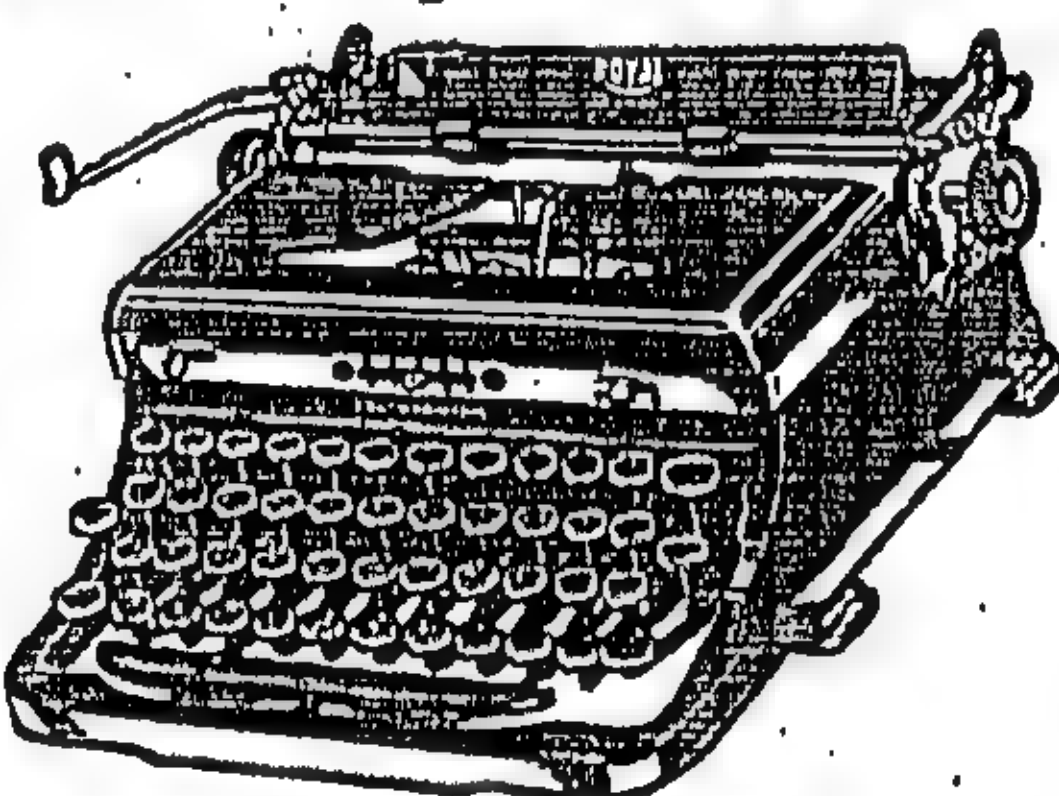
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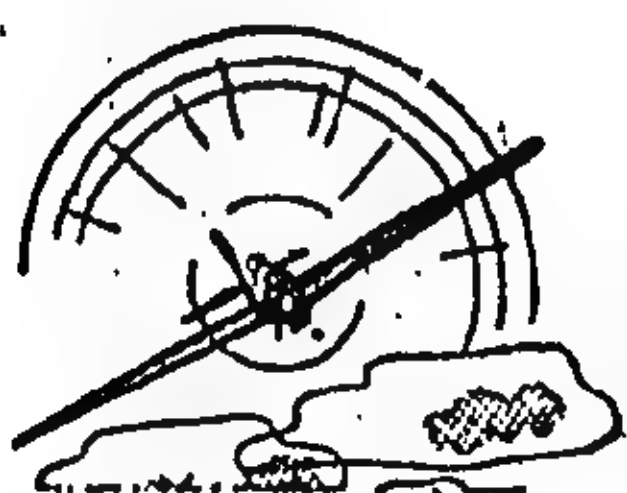
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against, face each other but the
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Who is the referee? Mr.
Chamberlain, and he has not
spoken yet. He will decide, for he
is the man who will know best
when the circumstances are most
propitious for a Tory victory.

An immediate election is bound
to be tied up with the interna-
tional situation, and Mr. Chamber-
lain knows that situation better
than anyone else.

Now consider the arguments.
First, those put about by the
people who want an election soon.

For them, this is the Govern-
ment's moment of opportunity to
fight on their home ground. In-
ternationally, the war in Spain is
over, and that, however much we
detest the significance of a Franco
victory, means a triumph for the
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alliances with countries whom we
have sworn to protect.

There are others who are more
cautious. They argue it would be
foolish to rush England into a
general election now.

They ask on what point would
an election centre, and in reply
say the international scene, Mr.
Chamberlain's past record in
particular. And that means on
the policy of the Totalitarian
states.

From Labour would come
showers of well-merited criticism
and another stirring up of inter-
national dissension.

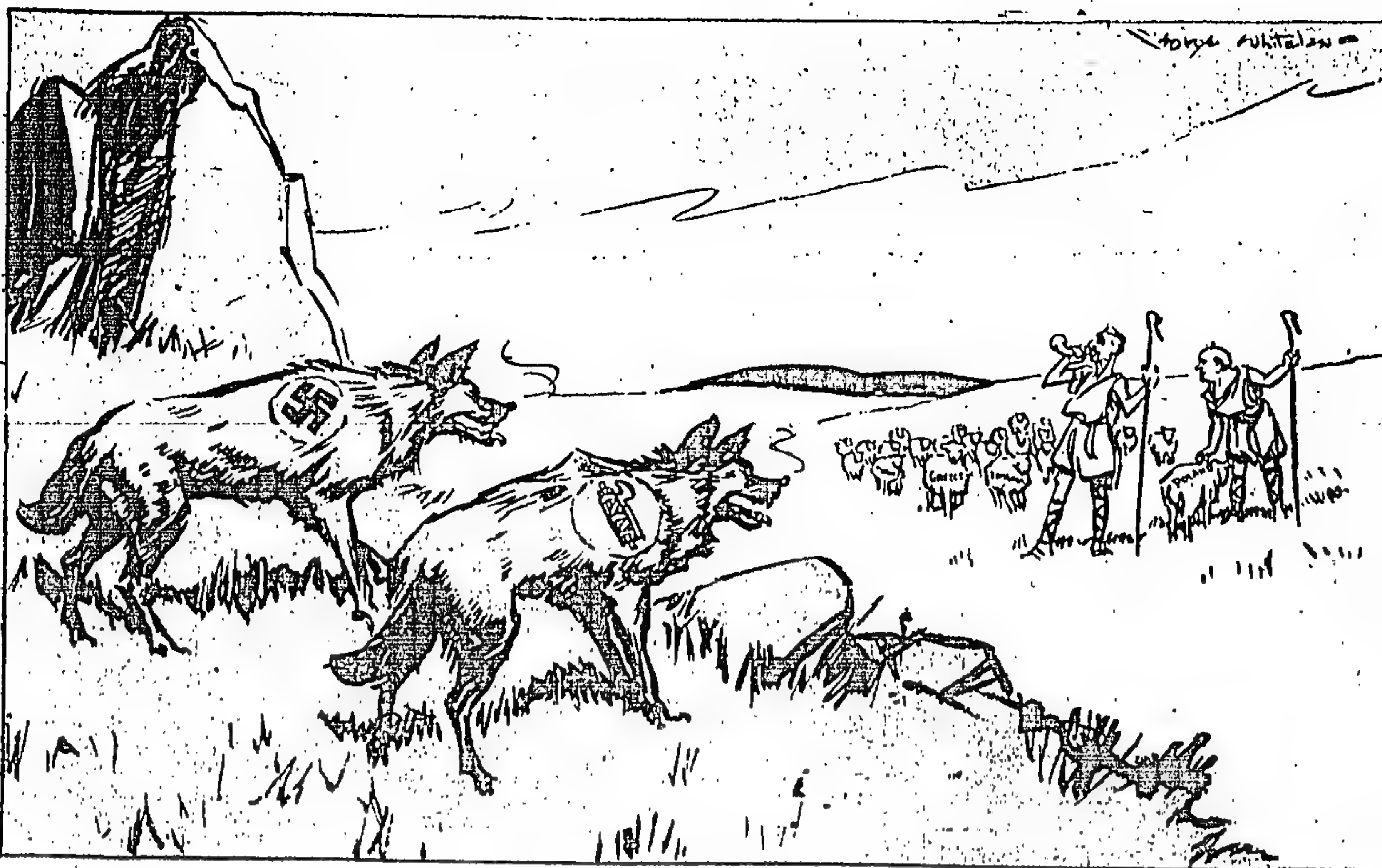
Their second argument is also a
powerful one. Mr. Chamberlain's
policy did not prove at all popular
when three bye-elections were held
last week. One seat swung to
Labour and the Government's
majority in the other two was sadly
reduced.

Their last argument recalls
Napoleon's description of English-
men as a nation of shopkeepers, for
it turns on trade.

What a country struggling on the
upswing of trade needs, they say, is
internal peace, free from the alarms,
dislocations, and uncertainties of a
general election.

So hold your hand, they say, and
if you must have a general election,
well, leave it until early next year.

That is the sense of the arguments
on both sides. Only one thing
remains: whatever Mr. Chamberlain
decides, he cannot prolong a general
election beyond July next year, when
the life of the present Parliament
constitutionally expires.



THE WOLVES: "See, they are trying to encircle us!"

If the Axis understands this, it means Peace

by
W. N. EWER

ALL the face of Euro-
pean politics has
changed in these past
weeks. Whether that
makes a European war less or
more probable is not an easy
thing to judge.

For very largely that must
depend on the two Dictators;
on whether they appreciate
the change; on whether they
revise their calculations accord-
ingly.

So far their policy has been
based on quite simple reckonings.

There were certain matters over
which none of the other three
European Great Powers (Britain,
France, Russia) would, when it
came to the point, be ready to face
the abomination of a major war;
or, at any rate, over which no two
of them would be ready at the
same time.

Therefore, in any of these
matters either Fascist Power could
do pretty much as it chose with-
out serious risk. The only resist-
ance to be overcome would be that
of a minor Power—such as Austria
or Albania.

And, in fact, if the odds were
made obvious and overwhelming,
there would probably be no resist-
ance at all.

They borrowed and used the
maxim of Marshal Lyautey, the
French conqueror of Morocco—an
overwhelming display of force
makes the use of force unnecessary.

Czecho-Slovakia, faced by the
whole might of the German Army,
simply must give way. Albania,
defenceless against the Italian Air
Force, must surrender. Even if
they resisted, the "operation"
would be a comparatively minor
one.

The Abyssinian experience
showed that the machinery of col-
lective security would not work.
The will to work it was not there.
The League, as an instrument for
resisting aggression, died on the
day that sanctions were lifted.

From then on it was plain that
any great Power in Europe could
do anything it chose to any small
Power provided that no other
great Power would feel bound, in
its own interests, to interfere with
its own readiness to use them.

Now Herr Hitler could feel
reasonably confident that, in this
respect, he could count on a free
hand in Central Europe.
He knew, despite occasional
guarded declarations (know, in-
deed, from the very fact that they
were so carefully guarded) that the
British Government, and a very
large and influential part of the
British people, did not regard any
change in Central Europe as
directly affecting British interests.
That had been so for centuries
past.

It was practically certain that
Great Britain would not deliber-

ately decide on war for anything
or anybody in the centre of the
Continent.

Secondly, he knew that so long
as his objectives seemed to be
confined to "revision" of features
of the Versailles settlement, which
large sections of British opinion
regarded as unwise or unjust, there
would be little desire to interfere.

Thirdly, he knew that British
armaments were in a condition
which made it very improbable
that a British Government would
risk war.

So if he concentrated his activi-
ties on the little countries to the
east of Germany, he could count
with reasonable certainty on meet-
ing with no opposition from
England that would involve war.
And if England were unwilling,
France, he could be sure, would not
face a German war without her
partner. Nor, indeed, was France
herself likely to be precisely
enthusiastic about plunging into
war on a mid-European issue.

The French, indeed, had their
alliances; but France had always
thought rather of the Poles and
the Czechs as her allies in a
Franco-German conflict, than of
herself as bound to march to their
assistance.

Still, there were the alliances.
And because of them Hitler moved
warily and cleverly. He tried (not
unsuccessfully) to shake the
Franco-Polish alliance by separate
dealings with the Poles.

It was not until Czecho-Slovakia
had passed out of the French into
the German orbit and the alliance
had become a dead letter that he
passed to the final dismember-
ment and conquest of that un-
happy country. By taking two
bites at the Czech cherry he made
sure of French neutrality.

Lastly, there was Russia to be
considered.
Britain and France might shrink
from fighting to prevent German
expansion eastward, might even
feel relieved that the pressure was
being directed East instead of
West.

But would not Russia—the other
Eastern Power—feel compelled to
check the initial stages of a drive
which, continued, must threaten
her own borders; of which, indeed,
the Ukraine was one of the avowed
objectives?

Here the calculation was three-

To-day's Thought

THAT should be considered
long which can be de-
cided but once.

PUBLIUS SYRUS.

Famous Romans wit who was
once a slave.

fold. First, that the accumulating
evidence of a strong isolationist
trend in Russian policy was, re-
liable and that the Soviet Union
intended to defend its own
frontiers but not to let itself be
drawn into war unless they were
actually violated.

Second, that the condition of the
Soviet Army and Air Force was
such that, though immensely
strong for defence, they were not
capable of a large-scale offensive
beyond their own borders.

Third, that anti-Russian and
anti-Bolshevik feeling in the
East European States was so strong
they would be loath to see the
Red Army in their territory even
as an ally.

So, by and large, Herr Hitler
was able to calculate with fair
certainty that he could go adventur-
ing in Austria and Czecho-
Slovakia and Memel without very
serious danger of European war.

The calculations then were
sound enough. But they are no
longer sound. A change has come
over the scene which makes them
no longer valid.

First, it has at last been borne
in on the minds of British and
French statesmen that the "Axis
Powers" are in quest of no limited
objectives, but are aiming at
nothing less than the domination
of the whole Continent and of its
seas.

Secondly, they have been forced
to realise that no reliance can be
placed on their assurances or on
any arrangements made with
them; that, like the "Tories" in
the 17th century epigram, they
"know no argument but force."

Thirdly, their activities are now
bringing them very near to
threatening areas which have
always been, and must always be,
regarded as areas of vital concern
to the British and French Empires.

Fourthly, the rapid pace of
British and French rearmament
has already changed the balance
of military power. It is now the
considered and very confident
judgment of those who know best
the condition of the British,
French, German and Italian forces
and "war-potentials" that though
war would undoubtedly be a very
horrible business, an Anglo-
French victory within fairly short
time would be a foregone con-
clusion.

So that whereas until now Herr
Hitler and Signor Mussolini have
been able to reckon with reason-
able sureness on committing
aggressions without danger of
major war, they are now very near
to, or actually at, the point at
which new aggression means not
only danger, but something very
near certainty of a major war in
which they would be decisively
defeated.

If they draw and act on the
sensible conclusion, then Europe
will find peace again. If not,
then...

The most beautiful
will in the world

"All This
I Leave
To You"

A LONE, a man died in a
workhouse, and this will
was found in the pocket of his
ragged suit. By worldly stan-
dards he was poor, but when
you have absorbed the exquisite
beauty of his words and benefi-
ted from his deep and peaceful
philosophy, you too, will realise
just how rich this poor man
really was.

I, CHARLES LOUNSBERRY, being
of sound and disposing mind
and memory, do hereby make and
publish this my last will and
testament in order to distribute
my interest in the world among
succeeding men.

That part of my interest which is
known in law as my property,
being inconsiderable and of no
account, I make no disposition of.
My right to live, being but a life
estate, is not at my disposal, but,
these things excepted, all else in
the world I now proceed to devise
and bequeath.

Item: I give to good fathers and
mothers, in trust for their chil-
dren, all good little words of praise
and encouragement, and all quaint
pet names and endearments; and
I charge said parents to use them
justly, but generously as the deeds
of their children shall require.

Item: I leave to children, inclu-
sively but only for the term of
their childhood, all and every
flower of the field and the blos-
soms of the woods, with the right
to play among them freely accord-
ing to the custom of children,
warning them at the same time
against thistles and thorns.

And I devise to children the banks
of the brooks and the golden sands
beneath the waters thereof, and
the colours of the willows that
dip therein, and the white clouds
that float high over giant trees.

And I leave the children the long,
long days to be merry in, in a
thousand ways, and the night and
the train of the Milky Way to
wonder at, but subject, neverthe-
less, to the rights hereinafter given
to lovers.

Item: I devise to boys, jointly, all
the useful idle fields and commons
where ball may be played, all
pleasant waters where one may
swim, all snow-clad hills where
one may coast, and all streams
and ponds where one may fish, or
where, when grim winter comes,
one may skate, to hold the same
for the period of their boyhood.

And all meadows, with the clover
blossoms and butterflies thereof;
the woods with their scatsy the
squirrels and the birds and the
echoes and strange noises, and all
distant places, which may be visit-
ed together with the adventures
there found.

Item: I give to said boys each his own
piece at the fire at night, with
all pictures that may be seen in
the burning wood, to enjoy with-
out let or hindrance or without
any encumbrance or care.

Item: To lovers, I devise their
imaginary world, with whatever
they may need, as the stars of the
sky; the red roses by the wall; the
bloom of the hawthorn; the sweet
strains of music, and aught else
they may desire to figure to each
other the loveliness and beauty
of their love.

Item: To young men, jointly, I be-
queath all the boldest inspiring
sports of rivalry, and I give to
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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Cabinet And Anglo-Soviet Negotiations

London, May 24. The Cabinet met this morning to discuss the Anglo-Soviet negotiations. Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, arrived in London shortly before the meeting, which he attended. —Reuter Bulletin.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

London, May 24. In a final spurt before the Whit-sun recess, the British Cabinet is meeting to-day to consider the proposals which Lord Halifax has brought back from Geneva. The cardinal points forming the basis of the Geneva negotiations have already been made known in London. According to The Times they are in keeping more or less with the French formula for a compromise and may be defined as follows:

Britain, France and the Soviet Union will issue a joint declaration to the effect that any act of aggression committed against one of them will be regarded as an attack upon all of them, and as regards an execution of this pledge of assistance each power is willing to bring it into immediate operation.

A report on the smaller States whose independence has been guaranteed as well as those which have not yet received a guarantee of this sort is to be drawn up for the purpose of allocating the spheres of interest on one hand to France and Britain and on the other hand to the Soviet Union.

The creation of possibilities for consultation in face of unforeseen developments. The Daily Express learns that Lord Halifax again asked the Soviet Ambassador, M. Malinsky, to see whether he could induce the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, to pay a visit to London. —Trans-Ocean.

VIRTUAL AGREEMENT

Paris, May 24. The newspapers are almost unanimous in declaring that as a result of talks between Lord Halifax and M. Malinsky, Soviet Ambassador to London, in Geneva the Anglo-Soviet Agreement for co-operation to resist aggression in Europe is already an accomplished fact. —Reuter.

FRENCH SATISFACTION

Paris, May 24. Satisfaction is expressed in French circles at the very definite reports from Geneva that an agreement in principle has been reached between Lord Halifax and M. Malinsky regarding the Anglo-Soviet assistance pact. It is realised, however, that final approval of the governments in London and Moscow must yet be obtained. —Reuter Bulletin.

DARDANELLES QUESTION

Paris, May 24. A new aspect is given to the Anglo-Soviet negotiations by a despatch in which the special correspondent of the Petit Journal, enlisting from Ankara, claims to be in a position to state that one of the main objects of the recent visit of the Soviet Assistant Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, M. Potemkin, to Turkey and the Balkan countries, was to submit a plan aiming at bringing the Black Sea and Dardanelles under Soviet control, to the exclusion of British influence. The Moscow plan, according to the French correspondent, can be regarded as a revival of the aspirations which largely dictated the policy of Czarist Russia, and aims at the creation of an alliance formed by those countries encircling the Black Sea, namely Soviet Russia, Turkey, Rumania and Bulgaria.

According to this plan, control of the Dardanelles would be placed in the hands of a commission, composed of representatives of these Black Sea Powers.

Undoubtedly this in practice would lead to a preponderance of Soviet control. Hence, he declares, Turkish circles have been demanding an allocation of votes which would give Ankara parity with Moscow.

By promising to back the demand for a return of the Dobruja, which was annexed by Rumania, M. Potemkin is said to have succeeded in interesting Bulgaria in this project. In Bucharest the Soviet Deputy Foreign Commissioner gave to understand that in exchange for Rumanian accession to the plan, Soviet Russia would be prepared to recognise the Rumanian annexation of Bessarabia. In this way Soviet Russia would be in a position to guarantee the frontiers of these three potential allies.

Commenting on this scheme, the Paris newspaper says that the British Government would not give its support to any project designed to exclude Britain from the Dardanelles. It was for this reason that the British Government was so eager to reach an agreement with Turkey. —Trans-Ocean.

Wisconsin Fish Increase

MADISON, Wis., May 24. —Wisconsin, in 1938, reared and planted 1,124,882,760 fish and preparations are now under way to meet a minimum quota of a billion fish again for this year. It was reported by the state conservation commission that of the total 1938 plantings, 4,439,450 were brook, brown and rainbow trout and 22,200,361 were lake trout.

BALKAN BLOC PARLEYS

Berlin, May 24. A significant new phase in the political developments in south-eastern Europe has been inaugurated, according to the Belgrade correspondent of the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, by a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Yugoslavia and Rumania.

Although the reports about the impending creation of a new alliance of south-eastern European countries to replace the endangered Balkan entente are described by Yugo-Slav circles as premature, it is undoubtedly true that both Yugo-Slavia and Rumania are striving to set up a new Balkan constellation based on a policy of strict neutrality. It is realised that this policy is designed to repress Balkan interest considered as a whole and cannot afford to ignore Bulgaria.

Circumstances might demand the creation of a Balkan bloc with the exclusion of Turkey, as Berlin takes the view that by alliance with Britain this Power has virtually renounced its position in the Balkan pact by abandoning its position of neutrality. It is presumed in Berlin that the meeting between M. Gafencu and M. Cincir Markovic is expressly designed to form a new neutral constellation between the Balkan Powers with the possible inclusion of Bulgaria and Albania. —Trans-Ocean.

POLO AND RUMANIA CO-OPERATION

London, May 24. Poland and Rumania have agreed to extend their long standing mutual assistance pact, originally directed against Russia, to cover attacks from elsewhere.

Foreign circles in London state that staff talks have been held in Warsaw to settle technicalities for co-operation towards this end. The attitude of these countries to any Anglo-Franco-Soviet alliance is described as favourable, providing that it does not involve their entering into an agreement with the Soviet, which would be interpreted as hostile to Germany.

As far as Poland is concerned, it is stated that she regards her relations with Russia as sufficiently covered by the Polish-Soviet Non-aggression Pact of 1932—unless some agreement could be reached by which she might obtain arms from Russia and communications through Russia in war time. —Reuter Special.

62 Entombed Men Wait To Be Rescued

U.S.S. Brooklyn, May 23. The U.S.S. Brooklyn is a route to Portsmouth to assist in the rescue of the sunken submarine Squalus. Patchy weather and fog have delayed progress.

The Brooklyn is carrying 3,000 feet of air hose to be used for the Squalus crew in the event of their oxygen becoming exhausted. It is expected that the Brooklyn will become the headquarters for the rescue work. —United Press.

RESCUE WORK AT DAWN

Portsmouth, May 23. The submarine Squalus with 59 men aboard is on the floor of the Atlantic waiting for rescue operations to begin at 8 a.m. when they will have been submerged for more than 20 hours.

The latest reports from the submarine state that all aboard are alive but "cold."

Lieutenant Commander C. B. Momsen, the inventor of the lung used in submarine rescue, and five divers equipped with salvage gear, are preparing their equipment under the glare of flood lights.

Another detachment of 13 divers and three officers is arriving soon. They flew from Washington to Newport, Rhode Island, and from thence to New London, where they were picked up by U.S.S. Brooklyn.

The seas have been very rough following two thunder storms, but they are calmed now by north-east winds. —United Press.

MEN STILL WELL

Portsmouth, May 24. Sixty-two men are still trapped in the sunken submarine Squalus, which has now been submerged for 27 hours. A message was tapped in Morse from the Squalus which stated that the conditions are satisfactory, but that it is getting cold. Nine rescue ships are at present at or near the scene. —Reuter Bulletin.

DIVERS INVESTIGATE

Portsmouth, May 24. The Falcon has sent divers over the side. —United Press.

SPANISH TRAGEDY

Burgos, May 24. Fifty-nine sailors were drowned off Santander when two vessels sank in heavy seas. A trawler with a crew of 49 was caught in a violent storm near the entrance to the port of Santander and capsized.

The coastal guard observed the accident and a lifeboat immediately put out to rescue the men of the trawler hanging on to the wreckage or struggling in the water. The lifeboat, however, was unable to combat the heavy seas and overturned and sank.

The crews of both ships were lost. —Trans-Ocean.

New Danzig Incident

Danzig, May 24. There was a further incident this morning, when a German chauffeur driving into Danzig from Elbing alleged that he was fired on, but not hit, after having passed the Polish customs officials. —United Press.

SENATE'S TURN TO PROTEST

Danzig, May 24. The Senate has handed a strong protest on the incident to the Polish representative at Danzig. They have also handed an answer to the Polish protests on the Gruchner incident, denying German responsibility. They therefore demand arrest of the Pole alleged to have been responsible. —United Press.

Pootung Strike

BRITISH SOLDIERS POSTED

Shanghai, May 24. Following the presentation of a virtual Japanese ultimatum, coupled with the despatch of Japanese Army forces, the British landing party which was sent on May 21 to the British-owned Lun Chong Mill in Pootung across the Whangpoo River from Shanghai upon outbreak of labour trouble has been withdrawn. —Dome.

MARINES' REPLACEMENT

Shanghai, May 24. British Army authorities announced that a British Army officer and 26 men have replaced the naval landing party at the Lun Chong Mill.

British naval authorities say the naval landing party landed at the Lun Chong Mill on May 20, coincident with unconfirmed Chinese reports that Nanking agents were promoting strikes against British owned industry.

It is significant that the Japanese press predicted "further unrest among British employees," after which the strike spread to the Lun Chong Mill. The strike is said to be under the same ownership as the Lun Chong Mill.

Later. The British naval landing party from the Lun Chong Mill landed at the strikebound British owned China Printing and Finishing Company's Pailien King Creek Point Works; also on Pootung Point, thereby actually reinforcing the British position.

The British Consulate has announced that the British agreed to withdraw the naval landing party from the Pailien King Creek Works after the Japanese army assumed responsibility for maintaining order. However, they did not agree to withdraw the British army party from the Lun Chong Mill. —United Press.

Queen Mary's Restless Night

London, May 24. A medical report from Marlborough House says that Queen Mary passed a restless night, partly due to an injury to one eye, which, though painful, gives no cause for anxiety. The general condition is satisfactory. —Reuter.

COLLIDED AT CROSSING

London, May 23. The responsibility for the accident has not yet been established although it is known that the cars collided at a crossing when the traffic light showed yellow. The police closed the crossing to traffic while investigations were held and a series of photographs taken.

Queen Mary will celebrate her 72nd birthday on May 26. —Trans-Ocean.

KING AND QUEEN IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, May 24. Their Majesties are lunching at Government House and will make a tour of the city to-day. A Sentinel-mounted mounted police will form the guard of honour when the King and Queen arrive.

Their Majesties paid a surprise visit to the Red Indian Reserve near Fort William, which they passed en route to Winnipeg. —Reuter Bulletin.

GUESTS OF BRITISH EMBASSY TO MEET MAJESTIES

Washington, May 23. Lady Lindsay, wife of the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, revealed that the guest list of the British Embassy garden party to be given in honour of Their Majesties on June 6, includes Mr. John Lewis, President of the C.I.O., William Green, President of the A.F.O.L., Henry Ford, J. P. Morgan, Colonel Charles Lindbergh, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Herbert Hoover, Vincent Astor, a member of the Dupont family, Mayor La Guardia of New York, General John Pershing, and other ladies, widows of United States Presidents, ex-Ambassadors to Great Britain and widows of ex-Ambassadors. —United Press.

CORRECT ETIQUETTE RULES

Thousands of Americans have written to the State Department in Washington inquiring about the correct etiquette to adopt if they should meet the King and Queen, says the Daily Mail New York correspondent. The following rules have been issued:

JAPAN'S SHANGHAI Reconstruction Cost Heavy

Shanghai, May 24. With preliminary arrangements, including the appropriation of land, making steady progress, the Greater Shanghai city plan enters upon the stage of actual construction from June 1 under the joint auspices of the Reformed Government, the China Affairs Board and the Shanghai Real Estate Company.

The first stage of the six-year plan will provide for the construction of residential and shopping quarters in the area south-east of the Civic Centre at Kangwan. Applications for building lots will be received from June 1.

Preparations for the construction of electric power, water-supply, gas and telephone equipment are being made by various concerns. About 4,500 buildings will be erected in the specified area of about 300,000 tsubo.

During the period of six years, an industrial zone will be established in the Wosung Creek area; applicants for factory construction are increasing steadily.

Meanwhile, it is revealed that in recent months an average of 1,500 Japanese monthly have arrived in Central China. —Dome.

JAPANESE REASONING

Tokyo, May 24. Vernacular papers carry an interview with a Foreign Office spokesman who asserted that the Settlements are under Chinese sovereignty, although that sovereignty has been temporarily suspended under foreign administration. Therefore, since Japan is fighting China, Japan is entitled to suppress anti-Japanism within the Settlements, even though it may be necessary to use force. —United Press.

"NO FOREIGN MEDDLING"

Tokyo, May 24. "Japan is determined to eliminate anti-Japanese elements from foreign settlements and concessions in China by military force," a Japanese Foreign Office spokesman declared to-day, "as the activity of these elements is directed by the Kuomintang and must be regarded as part of the Chinese operations."

"We shall tolerate, therefore, no foreign meddling in our efforts to deal with them," he said. That Japan participates in administration of international settlements, gives her a right to send troops when required, the spokesman claimed. —Reuter.

ALL CHINESE TERRITORY

Tokyo, May 24. The International Settlements or foreign concessions at Kiangsu, Shanghai and Tientsin essentially are not the territories of foreign Powers and the Chinese sovereignty over them has not been repeated, but is only subject to administrative regulations by the Powers concerned, a spokesman of the Foreign Office declared to-day.

While a state of war exists in China the Chinese sovereignty in the occupied area falls under Japanese control and it naturally follows that the Settlements and Concessions in the area come under Japanese control, the spokesman further indicated.

It is at the same time quite natural that in the event of the Chinese engaging in positive action against the foreign areas, they should be eliminated.

Declaring that anti-Japanese terrorism and propaganda under the existing circumstances represent part and parcel of the Chinese military operations, the spokesman's statement asserts that it is only reasonable that Japan should resort to military force for the elimination of these anti-Japanese influences. In such eventualities no foreign intervention should ever be permitted, the statement says.

Since Japan also shares rights in the International Settlement, it is in accordance with the principles of jurisprudence that Japan should try to adjust the administrative rights in force of the mobilisation of armed force in the area.

Referring to the arguments that the reforms of Municipal Councils including greater representation for Japan should not be made under the extraordinary period of the China Affairs, the statement says that these are only subterfuges, because it is the very extraordinary situation that gives rise to the necessity for increasing the Japanese representation. —Dome.

Daily Mail New York correspondent. So the following rules have been issued:

"A man meeting the King should bow low from the hips, with the arms at the side, heels together, neck stiff, when six yards from his Majesty. Then he should walk a further three steps towards the King, watching his face closely. If the King holds out his hand the man must bow again, but not so deeply."

"The King must always be allowed to speak first, and the reply should be general, never personal."

"When presented to the Queen the same performance should be repeated and it is important never to kiss her hand."

"In leaving their Majesties two bows are again in order."

Women are instructed to follow the same procedure, except that they are allowed to curtsy with the left foot behind the right, if they wish.

NO RETURN VISIT

Washington, May 24. President Roosevelt has declared, it became known yesterday, that contrary to the rumours, circulated he did not intend to return the visit of the King and Queen of England. —Trans-Ocean.

Brussels Hails Dutch Queen

Brussels, May 24. Peace was the keynote of the speeches exchanged between Queen Wilhelmina and the famous Burgomaster Max when the Queen was welcomed at Brussels town hall.

The Burgomaster stressed the necessity for the small States to come together to help each other before the menaces of brutal force. Isolation for them would mean death.

Replying, Queen Wilhelmina said that in the present troubled times they must favour everything contributing to the general well-being of humanity and work for peace amongst all nations. —Reuter.

PACIFISM DOUBTS OF A PARSON

Doubts as to the efficacy of pacifism in preventing war at the present time were expressed by the Rev. F. Short in an address to the Peace Pledge Union at its weekly meeting yesterday at the Challenge Book Shop.

Merely to confront the world with a refusal to fight, even if that refusal is accompanied with a disinterested offer of arbitration and enquiry, seemed to him, he said, to neglect the fact that force wisely controlled and used, could be one of the factors which would make for the peace of the world in some such limited sense as the "law" makes for the peace of the individual.

The following are extracts from the address:

"I have no doubt that the peace which is in the mind of God will remove the evil of War, and all other ills to which man is subject. Nor have I any doubt that war can ever be the instrument of God's peace. At its worst, as the instrument of aggression, it is the negation and frustration of the Divine purpose; at its best—for it is inaccurate and unfair to evaluate all wars at one low level—it is a negative preventive of injustice."

It bars the way to aggression; it can never solve the real problems which confront humanity; it can bring man at its conclusion, with scales admittedly heavily weighted to the place where justice may be done, and the decisive problems of peoples resolved."

FUTILITY OF WAR

The end of a war can never be the end of the action; it is the prelude to real statecraft—the opportunity to garner out of its tragedy the hope of God's peace. That it has almost always, if not invariably, failed to achieve a place which is more than an interruption of strife—is an indication of the difficulties which war itself engenders, and of the utter futility of war as a means of settling disputes between nations."

It follows that I am interested in all that makes war unnecessary. Frankly, I have no doubt that to banish war there is one essential, the recovery of the sense of God and the acceptance of responsible religion. The guilt of war is on us all. Its shade and degree may vary, but no people in the world is free from responsibility for past wars, nor free from acceptance within its life of factors that make for war."

PACIFIST IDEAL

"The pacifist has his place, he holds aloft the torch of the ideal of peace, he ensures man never forgets that there is a goal other than that of war, and there is a road other than that of strife. But I doubt if the pacifist will ever provide the mechanism or the dynamic experience which will usher in peace, because he seems to me to fail in realism in two places. In his estimate of the forces that break the peace of God, and in his estimate of the forces that make for the peace of God."

THE PRESENT

What is the contribution that pacifism can make to a world which includes countries determined to be judge in their own cause, to achieve their ends by force of arms, and to ride roughshod over the moral conviction of mankind?

The future must discover the ways and the arts of peace—but the present, will it be best served by Dick Sheppard's pledge?

Disarm and you will have no enemies! Unilateral disarmament and defensive weakness have been shown to encourage rather than halt aggressive action, and I am forced to the conclusion that Pacifism is not sufficiently realistic in its approach to the modern setting of the issue of peace and war. War will continue, one country or group of countries is determined to take that way. Can Pacifism stand in its path?

"Your dreams of peace fade away into the daylight of a world of men, who, gifted with the opportunity to direct their lives towards either the arts of war or peace, the ways of evil or of good, self interest or disinterested service of their neighbours, choose the one and not the other. Part of the price of their choice is war, part is unemployment and poverty, and all the rest of the troubles of our day."

So far as their relationship to God is concerned the ways of God hold out the choice of peace and war, and man is left free to deny, to thwart, and to act contrary to all that that relationship should mean."

FORCE NECESSARY

What of their relationship to man; as man to man, as man to State, as State to State? Isn't it true that in his personal relationships man has secured the use of force, sufficient to secure the ends of justice? Should not force be sufficient to secure the ends of justice be available? No more and no less. And if that is so, must you not admit the use of force, even to the point of war, in the interest of justice and freedom?

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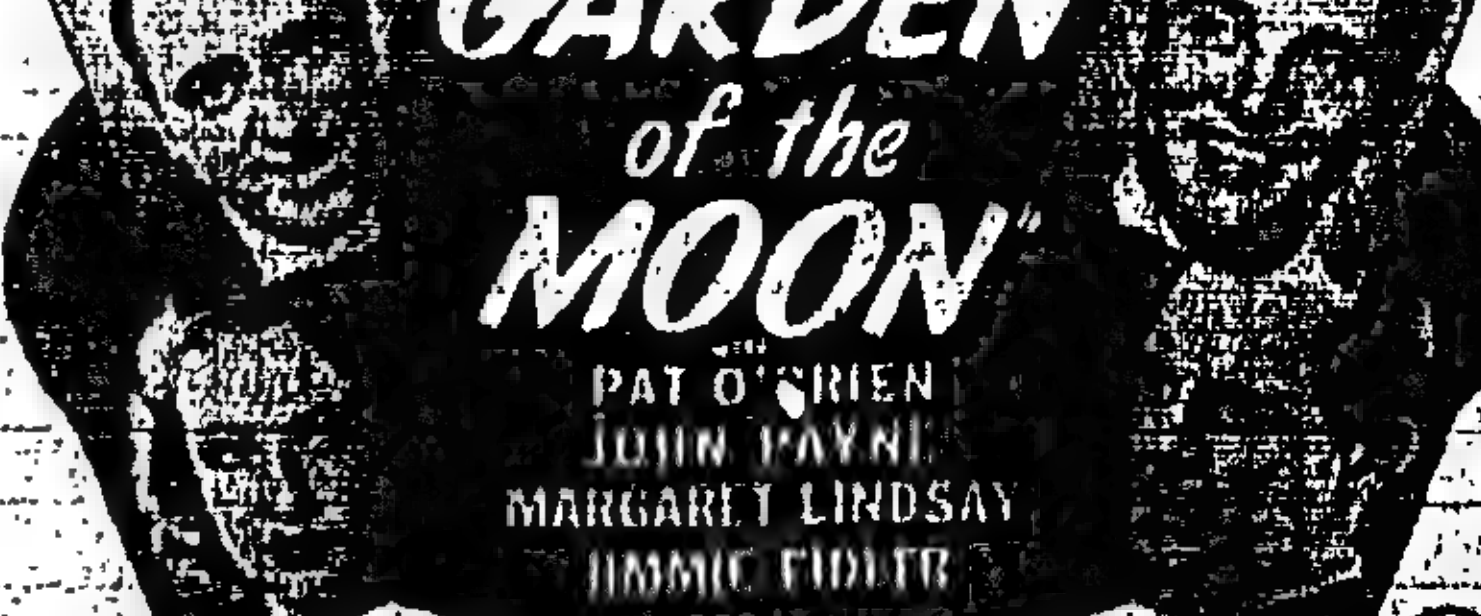
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BLUE PETER'S WIN COST BOOKMAKERS £1,000,000

LORD ROSEBERY SCORES FIRST SUCCESS: FAMILY TRADITION CONTINUED

London, May 24.

Half a million spectators, including Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes and Duchesses of Gloucester and Kent, were present at Epsom to-day, which was one of the hottest Derby days in years.

Blue Peter, starting favourite, scored a surprisingly easy victory. The horse shot out to the front two and a half furlongs from home, after which the result was never in doubt. This was Lord Rosebery's first Derby win. He thus continues the family tradition, his father having won the event with Ladias in 1894. Sir Visto in 1895 and Cicero in 1905, and his grandfather was successful with Favonius in 1871 when the race was last run on May 24.

The jockey, Ephraim Smith, and the trainer, Jack Jarvis, also scored their first Derby victories. Jarvis was always confident that he would achieve his life's ambition with Blue Peter, who followed up his win in the Two Thousand Guineas.

Blue Peter covered the one and a half miles in 2 mins. 36.4 secs. The Derby once again eluded the champion jockey, Gordon Richards, who made an unavailing and desperate finish on Fox Cub.

Hypnotist, owned by the American, Mr. William Woodward, who won the Kentucky Derby a fortnight ago, was heavily backed and was second favourite at 5-1. He finished seventh.

It is estimated that Blue Peter's win has cost bookmakers about £1,000,000. It is also estimated that the totalisator investments amounted to £62,000.—*Reuter's Special.*

BLUE PETER HAD RACE IN HAND

The Derby run at Epsom to-day resulted in a triumph for Lord Rosebery, his horse, which was the favourite, winning by four lengths from the second favourite, ridden by the champion jockey. Result: Blue Peter (E. Smith) 1, Fox Cub (Gordon Richards) 2, Hypnotist (Perryman) 3. The weather was not sunny for the race. Twenty-seven ran. The betting on Blue Peter was 7-4, on Mr. Edward Esmond's Fox Cub 100-9, and on Lord Derby's Hypnotist 100-9. Three lengths separated second and third. Also ran: Triguero (Burton), Vesperian (Elliott), Romeo II (Brethes), Hastings (Jones), Admiral's Walk (Hurry), Wragg, Dhoni, Fair Chance (Rickaby), Fairfax (Lowry), Major Brackley (Simpson), King's Legend (Carslake), Buxton (Stephenson), Rogerstone Castle (Marshall), Atout Maitre (Sibbritt), Casanova (Nevett).

Hypnotist (Beasley), Ortiz (Lane), Dibiaara (Bartlam), Fairstone (Cliff Richards), Wheatland (Taylor), Belman (Sam Wragg), Larchfield (Sprague), Pointis (D. Smith), Salford II (Herve)—*Reuter.*

United Press adds that a crowd of 350,000 watched the running of the 160th English Derby.

Race Described

The horses got away to a good start, except Belman and Fair Chance, who got slowly into stride. Hypnotist sprinted into the lead from Rogerstone Castle, Dhoni, Major Brackley, Fairfax and Wheatland. Hypnotist and Blue Peter were in the middle of the field, and on the outside was Larchfield, which took the lead after three furlongs from Wheatland, Hypnotist, Buxton and Hastings.

Blue Peter, running eighth or ninth, followed Hypnotist. A large field was still in front of Hypnotist and Wheatland at the top of the hill. Blue Peter was now making ground rapidly. Just behind Rogerstone Castle and Fairfax, with Fair Chance a long way behind.

Blue Peter was still going up steadily, approaching Tottenham Corner, and at the turn for home had taken second place to Larchfield. Rogerstone Castle was third, just in front of Casanova, Hypnotist and Hypnotist.

A hundred yards after the turn Hypnotist and Blue Peter disputed the lead, with Hypnotist and Atout Maitre, with Fox Cub showing up prominently on the outside. Blue Peter took the lead two and a half furlongs from home, followed by Casanova, Fox Cub and Hypnotist. Fox Cub passed Hypnotist and looked likely to overtake Blue Peter until Smith used his whip. Blue Peter then shot forward again and won comfortably. Casanova was fourth, Buxton fifth, Admiral's Walk sixth, Hypnotist seventh, Pointis eighth, Ortiz ninth, Fairstone tenth, Fair Chance eleventh and Salford last. The time was 2 minutes 36.4/5 seconds.

Welterweight Title Fight

The most expensive welterweight contest ever staged takes place at Harringay Stadium to-morrow when Henry Armstrong defends the world title against the British champion, Ernie Roderick of Liverpool. The purse is £10,000, of which Armstrong will receive £8,500. Ringside seats are 10 guineas each, a record price for a welterweight fight. Armstrong will concede nearly a stone. He has won 61 of his 103 fights by knockout. The question is whether Roderick's stylish left is good enough to keep out the non-stop puncher.—*Reuter Special.*

Lion's Share Again To United States

Dublin, May 24. Nine first prizes in the Irish Sweepstakes on the Derby, each worth £30,000, were distributed as follows:

Three to Canada; two to United States; two to Europe and two to Ireland.

Nine second prizes of £15,000 each were distributed as follows:

Five to United States; two to Europe and two to Canada.

Nine third prizes of £10,000 each were distributed as follows:

Five to United States; two to Europe and two to India.—*International Press Bureau.*

Bowls Rinks Chosen For Week's Games

The following players have been selected for the various clubs in the Lawn Bowls League matches to be played on Saturday:

Indian R.C. (v. Craigengower C.C. away)—J. Hoosen, S. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (skip); D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Adal and A. R. Dalish (skip); A. H. Rumjahn, A. Bakur, A. O. Madar and M. R. Abbas (skip).

CRAIGENGOWER C. C. First Div. v. Indians (Home)—J. W. Leonard, K. M. Omar, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip); A. M. Omar, W. Ward, J. S. Landolt, U. M. Omar (skip); A. A. Hazack, L. C. R. Souza, C. S. Rossett, R. Bana (skip).

Second Div. v. Kowloon Tong (Away)—J. H. Xavier, E. McNay, H. W. Randall, M. A. R. Souza (skip); A. J. Coelho, E. Zimmermann, M. J. Medina, J. Cavanagh (skip); W. J. Penny, N. P. Karanjia, T. Locke, W. K. Way (skip).

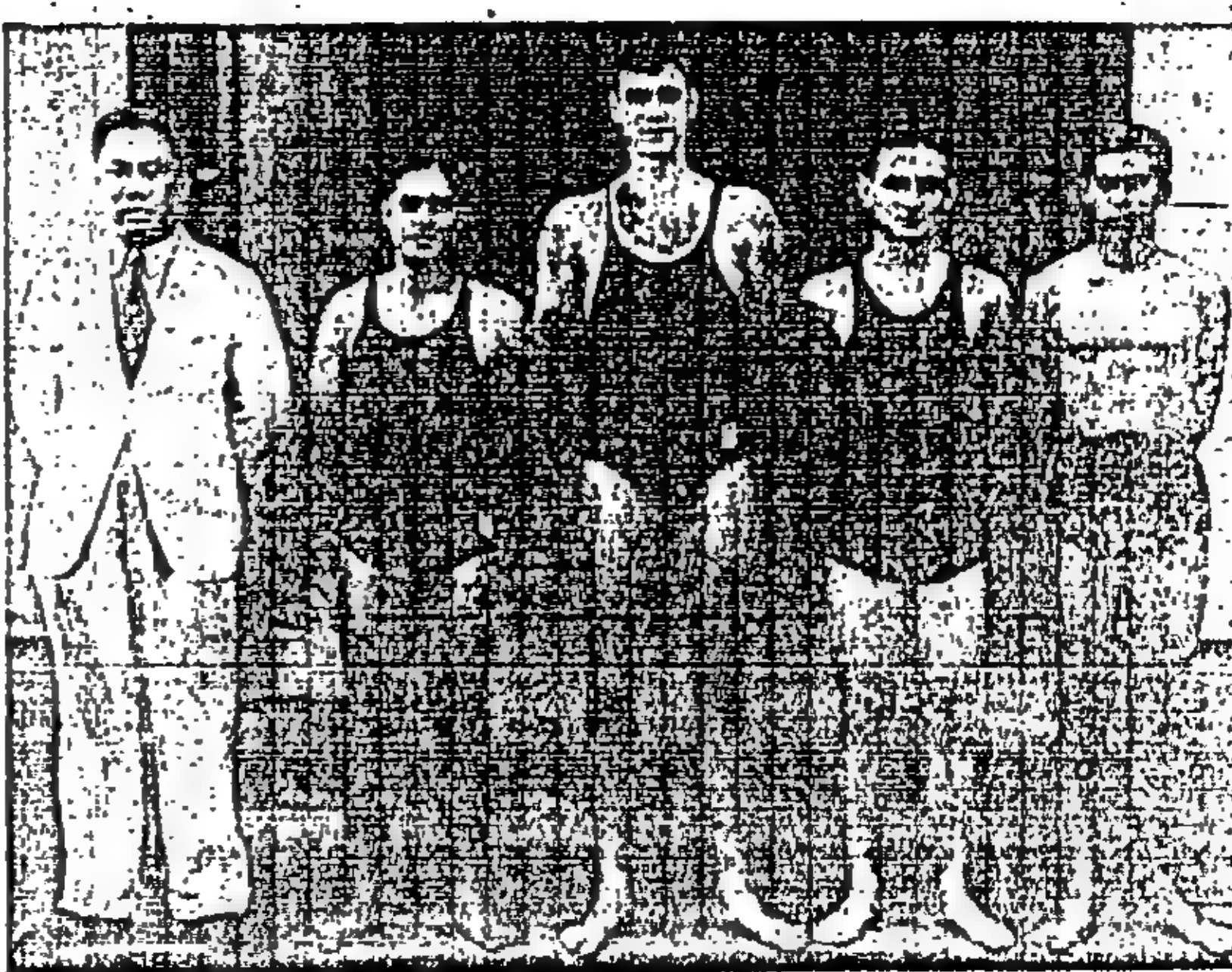
Third Div. v. H.K.F.C. (Away)—S. R. Solina, Van der Lely, A. B. Hanson, G. Ladd (skip); L. Gaddi, F. Petersen, Dr. C. W. Lam, John Pau (skip); John P. Lee, E. Kerrison, G. A. Payne, W. McNeill (skip).

CLUB DE RECREIO First Div. (A) (Away) v. K.C.C.—C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro, L. J. Silva, F. X. M. Silva (skip); J. Luz, A. P. Gutierrez, R. F. Luz, H. A. Alves (skip); L. F. Xavier, C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha, C. G. Silva (skip).

"B" (Away) v. C.S.C.C.—C. Vas, D. C. Alves, C. R. Pereira, B. Basto (skip); C. C. Pereira, A. M. Xavier, A. A. Remedios, F. X. Soares (skip); F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, F. V. V. Ribeiro, J. J. Basto (skip).

Third Div. (Home) v. R.H.K.Y.C.—M. F. Alarcon, A. Rodriguez, J. R. Soares, O. P. Remedios (skip); L. Leon, F. X. Gutierrez, A. F. Noronha, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); J. A. Remedios, M. Gutierrez, F. A. Xavier, C. A. Lopes (skip).

R.H.K. YACHT CLUB Third Div. v. Recreio (Away)—G. H. Bond, J. Owen Hughes, A. Nisim, A. W. Brown (skip); W. A. Cornell, A. D. Humphreys, F. S. Cassidy, G. E. Costello (skip); W. J. Hansen, L. E. N. Ryan, A. S. Mitchell, B. E. Maughan (skip).



The swimming team of the Diocesan Boys' School photographed recently with their swimming sports master.—*King's Studio.*

England Beat Rumania In Soccer Encounter Before Record Crowd

Bucharest, May 24. In the soccer match played here to-day, England beat Rumania by two goals to nil after leading by a goal at half-time.

Scottish Team Wins Game In Canada

Montreal, May 17. The Scottish F. A. XI opened their Canadian tour here to-day by scoring an overwhelming victory over the Montreal XI. They won by nine goals to nothing.—*Reuter.*

Perry, Vines, Budge Will Visit India

Madras, May 19. Fred Perry, Donald Budge and Ellsworth Vines, the professional lawn tennis players and former Wimbledon champions, are to visit India where they will make a tour of most of the big towns, it is reported here.

Gland Query Raised In Parliament

The subject of gland treatment for footballers was raised in Parliament recently when Mr. A. M. Lyons (Con., East Leicester) asked the Minister of Health whether he was aware that gland extracts from animals were being administered to football players, and whether he would order an investigation into this practice, with a view to ascertaining its effect and repercussions on national health.

Mr. Walter Elliot said he had no first-hand information, but the gland extracts were included in the British Pharmacopoeia, and if, as he understood, they were administered under medical supervision he did not think any special investigation was necessary.

Laughter was caused when Mr. E. Shirlwell (Soc., Seaham) asked would not these gland extracts be administered to members of the Cabinet.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib., Wolverhampton East) suggested that the treatment was perfectly innocuous, and had been administered with benefit for resistance against disease. The football clubs would welcome any inquiry.

At this a member shouted: "Good old Wolverhampton Wanderers."

GUESTS OF POTENTATE

The Yuvarajah has asked Kunwat Sir Dalip Singh, president of The All India Lawn Tennis Association, for the permission of the Association to conduct the tour on his own responsibility. While in Madras, the players will be the guests of the Yuvarajah.

Perry, Budge and Vines are also expected to tour Australia in February and March next year. The Australian L. T. A. has given its official sanction to the tour and terms have been agreed upon.—*Reuter.*

CHAMPION BEATEN IN BRITISH GOLF AMATEUR TOURNEY

Charles Yates Eliminated By Chapman, Countryman

London, May 24.

The outstanding feature of to-day's play in the British Amateur Golf Championship now being played at Hoylake was the defeat of Charles Yates, the American holder of the title, by a fellow-American, Dick Chapman, who yesterday eliminated M. W. Budd, the former All-China champion.

Chapman won the encounter—the first All-American match of the tournament—by four and three.

Chapman was almost faultless in this third round and was two up at the end of nine holes, where Yates himself was four above par.

Yates lost the match through poor putting.

As the result of his victory, Chapman has become favourite to reach the finals.—*United Press.*

Vines Wins And Then Was Beaten

London, May 24. In the second round, the professional tennis star, Ellsworth Vines, played brilliant golf to beat E. Ratcliffe by four and three.

Vines finished in level fours. In the third round, however, John Ballieu, of Australia, defeated Vines by two and one.

This tennis player took 18 strokes for his first three holes, all of which he lost.

NEW YORK OUTFITS DEFEATED

Two Teams Blanked By Opponents

New York, May 24. The following were the results of matches played in the Major Baseball League to-day:

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New York R. H. E. 0 5 0
Cincinnati 6 13 0

McCormick homered for the Reds. Batteries:—Reds, Derringer, Lombardi.

Brooklyn 3 9 2
Pittsburgh 0 10 0

Camilli homered for the Dodgers. Batteries:—Dodgers, Bowran, Berres.

Boston 0 7 1
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The basketball team of the Diocesan Boys' School photographed recently.—*King's Studio.*

CAMBRIDGE CREW TO GO ON TOUR

Cambridge University Boat Club are sending a crew of four to South Africa in the summer vacation to meet the more celebrated of South African clubs in local regattas at Johannesburg, Durban, East London, and Cape Town, during August.

The crew will consist of Alan Burroughs (Jesus) bow; No. 2 J. L. L. Savill (Jesus) the president-elect of the C.U.B.C.; No. 3 M. Buxton (Third Trinity), who is to be the new secretary; and C. B. Sanford (Trinity Hall), stroke.

Cambridge are not taking a coxswain with them, but one will be borrowed when they arrive in South Africa, as will boats, oars, and training craft.

They are due at Johannesburg on July 20, and the first of the regattas is to be held on the Vaal Rivers on August 5, when they race against South African Universities.

The final regatta is to be held at Cape Town on August 26, where a crew representative of the Western Province will be met.



TIFFIN, MY BOY, TIFFIN

"Lovely smell of cooking in the club this morning. Scrambled eggs, cutlets, and that excellent curry, the secretary introduced from Penang. Makes a fellow's mouth water. I've half a mind to go through the lot."

"Can't you talk of anything except food? I doubt if I shall ever eat again."

"Faintly dripping with sweetness and light this morning, aren't you? Advanced case of hangover, I'll bet a couple of chips. Some of you young fellows haven't enough sense to come in out of the rain."

"That's right, Mr. Tiffin, you hypothesize. I suppose you never wake up with a head or a tongue like a strip of ancient gummy bag."

"On the contrary, I have in the past cultivated some of the finest hangovers of all time. But that was back in the bad old days before I'd heard of Rose's Lime Juice."

"What on earth has Rose's got to do with hangovers?"

"Everything, my dear Watson. It wipes them out. If you stick to Gilmans or have a good stiff swig before going to bed, you'll have no regrets in the morning."

"Rose's Lime Juice you said?"

"Yes, Rose's."

"Lend me a pencil, and I'll write it down."

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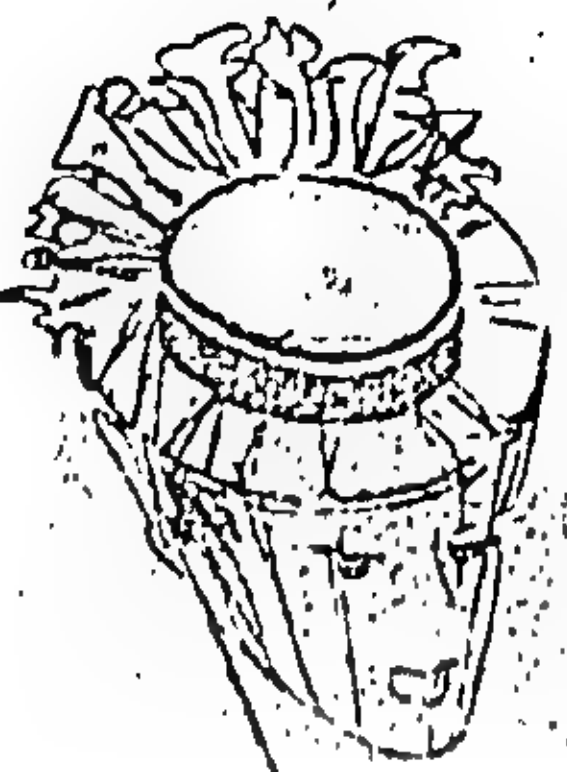
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HAT TRICKS



On a small sailor hat the veil is looped round the back of the head under the brim, like a hair net; it goes up through slots in the brim and lies in a big bunchy bow high and straight on the head. The hat is worn straight and dipping over the eyes.



This is if you like your face veiled. The veil loops under the chin, is drawn over the face and froths out at the back above the brim. The hatband must be fastened on after the veil to get the drawn-in effect; it can be fastened with hooks and eyes.



Another way—though you have to be young and gay to get away with it—is to loop the veil under the chin, over the sides of the brim, tying in a crisp bow on top of the crown. Tilt the hat and be quite sure that you don't look as if you have toothache.



Here the veil is looped under the chin again, but this time it goes up through the brim at the back, knots above the brim, and falls to the shoulders. This, too, is a style for the young. The hat tilts slightly over one eye.



This is a little more complicated and dressy. The veil is arranged—it would have to be sewn—tightly over the brim, goes under the band and breaks into a froth on the flat crown. The colour of the straw should just show through the veiling.



The veil goes round the crown in front, making a peak, and is tucked through the brim. Under the brim at the back it is knotted and sticks out sharply to the shoulders. The hat is worn straight over the eyes.

Indoor Gardening

EVEN though you may live in a flat and have no garden there is no reason to-day why you should be entirely deprived of the joy of growing flowers and plants.

Indoor window boxes are becoming increasingly fashionable, and delightful little gardens can be made in them, so that you have a fascinating hobby and a new room decoration.

Trailing plants, and flowers that grow very tall, are better avoided as they are not, for obvious reasons, quite suitable for indoor growing in front of windows.

Begonias, petunias, late-flowering tulips, and calceolarias will give you a bank of glorious colour in a sunny window, or brighten up a sunless one.

Colour Harmony
Study the colour scheme of your indoor garden and relate it to that of the room so that the two harmonise. If you do this the result will be more pleasing than if you plant haphazardly.

A charming way of perfuming your room is to sow sweet-smelling flowers, such as stocks, sweet william, mignonette, and pinks. These will provide a boxful of fragrance that will be very welcome on a hot summer's day.

An intriguing indoor window-box

Toning Up Your Wardrobe

BRUSH garments well to remove dust, then sponge all over with a weak solution of ammonia, using if possible, a piece of the same or a similar material. The solution will help to remove stains.

Grease spots and the obstinate grime at the neck of coats will generally yield to benzine. Small, shiny spots should be lightly rubbed with emery paper, but the more extensive shine which is a feature of well-worn costumes and men's suits needs different treatment. Rub the shiny surface with a hot and fairly strong solution of ammonia, then place a clean wet cloth over it, and press with a hot iron. While still warm and moist, brush with a stiff clothes brush.

If splashes of mud have been allowed to remain on a garment, the stains can generally be removed by rubbing with a solution of carbonate of soda. For stains can be banished by an application of eucalyptus, and spots of paint should be soaked in a mixture of equal parts of turpentine and ammonia, after which they will rub off easily.

By the way, dark clothes always have a habit of collecting fluff, which is often difficult to remove with a clothes brush. A red rubber sponge, kept specially for the purpose, removes this fluff and surface dust very easily, and keeps clothes fresh and clean looking.

Shoes which are looking a little tired after the long winter months can be wonderfully improved by a little home treatment. Black shoes can be restored by being well rubbed all over with the inside of a piece of fresh orange peel, then rubbed with damp cloth and, when dry, polished in the usual way. Brown shoes which have become patchy will look like new if they are rubbed over with castor oil.

Light coloured kid gloves can be cleaned by being rubbed gently with a piece of cotton wool dipped in eau-de-Cologne.

Erica Trent

Repairs And Renovations

TAPESTRY chairs should be beaten and plenty of dry bicarbonate of soda rubbed into the material. Leave on for a few hours, brush out with a stiff brush, and run over with the vacuum cleaner.

Table oilcloth on tables or shelves may be torn or cut. Remove, turn on the wrong side, and with a length of adhesive tape secure the loose edges neatly together. Press the patch till it hardens, and return the oilcloth to its position.

Repair worn linoleum by placing a piece slightly larger than the hole over the break and cutting round both with a very sharp knife. If the linoleum is patterned, cut a piece suitable to fill the gap. Now remove the under piece and slip the new into its place, nailing neatly down.

Should the hole be a very small one, or a mere crack, fill in with putty, and paint it over when hard in a matching shade.

When electric bulbs are stained and dull cover with a paste made from cold water and carbonate of soda. Leave on for an hour, sponge off with soapy water, then rinse and dry carefully.

Lampshades of parchment may be sponged lightly with soapy lukewarm water, or if hand-painted, rubbed carefully with medium oatmeal. Silk shades should be washed in cool water and soap flakes.

Zinc pails and baths are made gleaming and spotless when cleaned with whitening mixed to a smooth paste with cloudy ammonia, and applied with a woollen cloth. Rub off with flannel when dry.

A good step whitener which will last for some time is made by dissolving some slake and whitening in a little hot water. Add a teaspoonful of washing blue, and use in the usual way.

M. L. B.

Knitting Without Tears

IS it not a nuisance, when you are knitting a sleeve of a jumper, and lose count of the decrease?

The next time you are making a jumper: try snapping a press stud through every decrease now as you go along, then decreases can be seen at a glance.

Keep a crochet hook in your knitting bag for dealing with dropped stitches. Pop your hook through the dropped stitch, and pull up loop by loop. It is far quicker than picking it up with a knitting needle.

When you are knitting vests for the children, cast off at the shoulders. Then, when they outgrow them, the vests can be lengthened, and the armhole made larger by knitting a piece on to the shoulder seam.

If you want to knit up wool that has been used before, the quickest way to straighten the wool is to wind it round a piece of cardboard—the lid of a shoe-box—with the sides taken off will do.

Cover the wool with a damp cloth, and press well with a hot iron. It will come perfectly straight, and be ready for use again.

If you are knitting anything that needs to be cast off loosely have your right hand needle three or four times larger than those used for the actual knitting. This will ensure elasticity without spoiling the appearance of the work.

Odd pieces of wool can be knitted into sun-bathing suits for small children; the different colours give a gay rainbow effect.

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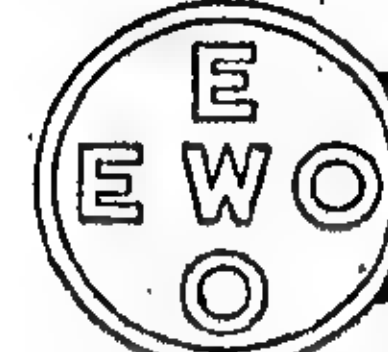
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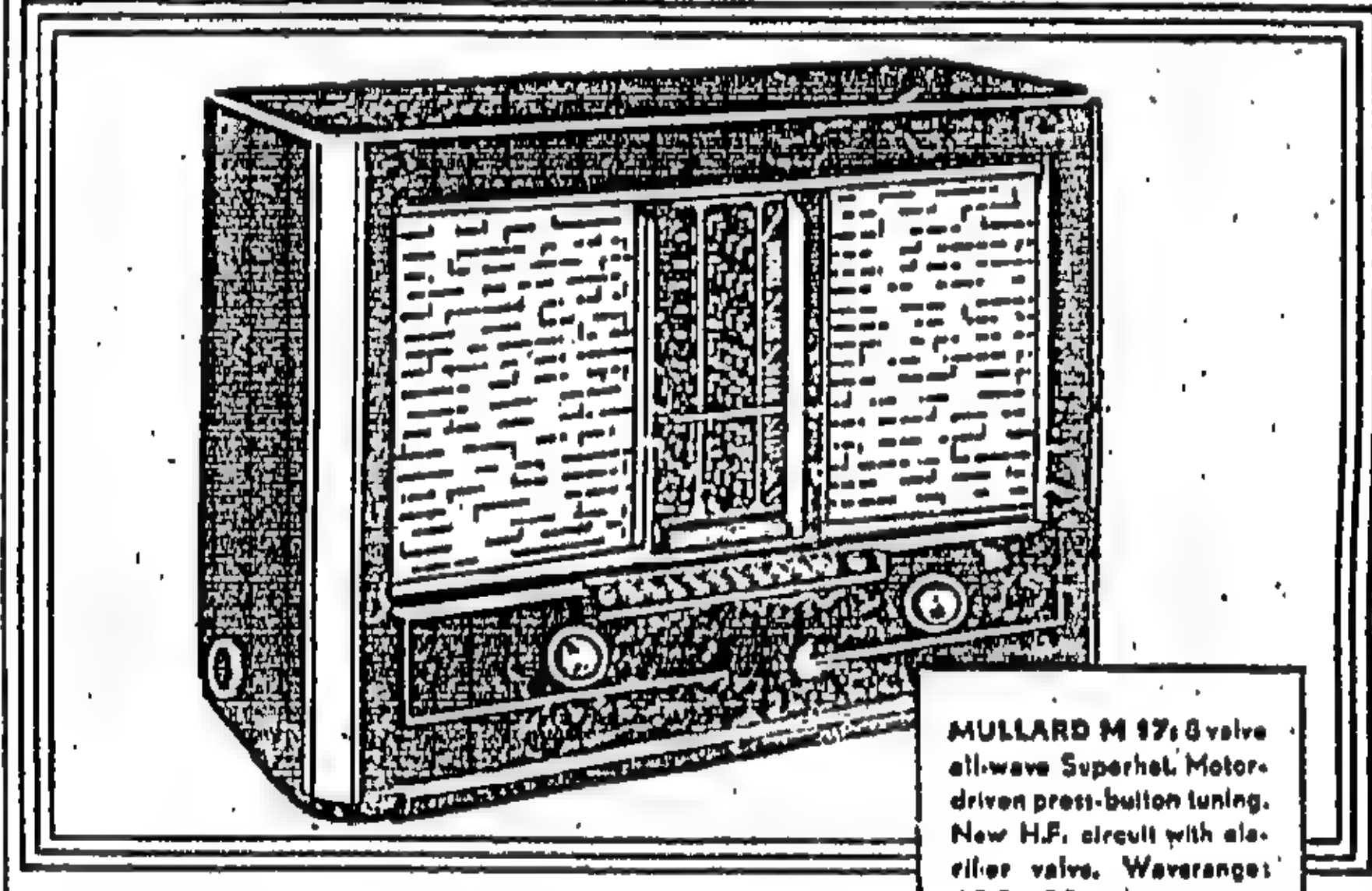
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3-High mountains	4-Flavor
5-Geometrical figure	6-Flavor
6-Small office	7-Small child
7-Tool for	8-Suffix denoting condition
8-Acidity of stomach	9-Race
9-Remains	10-City
10-Type of glove	11-At a distance
11-Japanese coin	12-Form of musical composition
12-Good friend (col.)	13-Trouble
13-Oink	14-Form of musical composition
14-Man's name	15-Drum
15-American humorist	16-That lives on another
16-Initiative	17-Servile flatterer
17-Type of carpet runner	18-Beneficiary of will
18-Part apart	19-Species of property
19-Munitions investigator (jocular)	20-Musical air
20-Winged (jocular)	21-Beautifully conical
21-Drunkard	22-City in North Africa
22-Curtain	23-Brown kites
23-Famous Finnish runner	24-Small insect
24-Roman road	25-Eighty day after noose
25-Like potato	26-Similitude (abbr.)
26-Part of foot	27-Biblical name
27-Indolent	28-Older language
28-Older language	29-Syrup made from maple sap

DOWN

1-One who opens (posting)

2-Shown with gaping mouth (theatrical)

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EUROPEAN FINED FOR ASSAULT

"Taking into consideration the fact that the defendant has expressed his regret of the assault, he has admitted that he had a few drinks that night and that he has no previous conviction, I impose a fine of \$80 on him."

This was said by Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning when Mr. Edwards, a 29-year-old German, appeared before him charged with having assaulted an Indian police constable, Nur Khan, at Blake Pier on April 23.

Mueller admitted the assault. Detective Sergeant A. Shaw, in charge of the case, said:

"At 1.20 a.m. on May 4, the complainant, an Indian constable, was on duty at Blake Pier. He was wearing uniform."

"The defendant approached him and the constable asked whether he wanted a motor-boat."

"I would like to say at this stage that the constable's instructions were that if any person came to the Pier and requested a motor-boat, he would get it for that person."

"The defendant then said that it was nothing to do with the Indian constable and that he would pay at the desk."

"He then pushed the constable out of his way. The constable came forward again and told him not to hit him. Defendant then struck the constable in the face. At this time they were near the edge of the wharf."

FELL INTO WATER

"When falling to the ground, the constable hit his head on the stone floor causing a wound on the back of his head. Attempting to get up, he rolled to the right side and fell into the water. He was rescued by a boatman and also aided by a Military Policeman, who had arrived on the scene."

"The defendant was standing by the booking office desk and he was detained by the Military Policemen there at the time."

"He was taken to the Central Police Station by the Military Policemen and he appeared to be under the influence of drink. He was later charged."

"I have been instructed, Your Worship, to ask for a serious view to be taken of this case. Not only because of the fact that defendant struck the police officer but also that the complainant has been in hospital for a matter of over four weeks."

In reply to Mr. Edwards, Detective Sergeant Shaw said that the constable had been suffering from the effects of immersion and also from para-typhoid. Three weeks out of the four weeks he had spent in hospital due to the typhoid which he had prior to being sent to hospital."

Mr. Edwards: What is the nature of the injury to his head?

Detective-Sergeant Shaw: A small cut.

What actually was the constable's purpose in asking the defendant what he wanted to do?—The defendant was walking unsteadily towards the pier and the constable came forward at that time with perhaps the intention of helping him. Actually the defendant was in the way of the complainant."

Mr. Edwards to defendant: What have you to say?

"HAD A FEW DRINKS"

"Defendant: I am very sorry. I have taken motor-boats every day and I did not know that an officer was supposed to ask me whether I wanted a motor-boat or not. I admit I had a few drinks and I am very sorry about the incident."

Detective Sergeant Shaw said that defendant had no previous record. Mr. Edwards said that assaulting a police constable was an extremely serious offence."

In considering what penalty should be imposed, he had to take into consideration what kind of duty the constable was performing at the time of the assault."

Even considering the circumstances of the present case, it was quite clear to him that one must regard the offence seriously."

Mr. Edwards pointed out to the defendant that if a constable asked him about a motor-boat the defendant could have told him he would arrange it himself and there was no necessity for the defendant to fight with the constable."

The constable was doing his best to assist defendant."

EUROPEAN CHARGED Military Contract Mentioned

EDWARD DAVIES DYKES, a broker of 171 Sai Yee Street, Kowloon, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on the following charge:

—That on March 7 and March 14, with intent to defraud, he obtained from the Reliance Motors Ltd. the sum of \$1,250 and \$1,000 on account of commission that would have been due to him, by falsely pretending that a tender made by the Reliance Motors Ltd. to the military authorities for the hire of motor vehicles had been accepted by the military authorities, and that a contract for the hire of motor vehicles had been signed by the military authorities."

Mr. O. E. C. Marton appeared for the Crown. Defendant was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, and pleaded Not Guilty.

The case was remanded for a week. The afternoons of June 5 and June 6 have been provisionally fixed as the dates for hearing the case.

Dykes has been released on bail of \$3,000.

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Palestine

BRITISH MAJOR KILLED

Gang Wiped Out

LONDON, May 24.

A report from the High Commissioner for Palestine received at the Colonial Office says that heavy casualties were inflicted on a gang of armed bandits located and engaged by aircraft in an area east of Tulkarm yesterday, and subsequently engaged by converging columns of the 2nd battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment, and a detachment of the 1st battalion the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Eleven bodies of bandits had been recovered to date, two prisoners taken, and twelve rifles, three pistols, and 1,410 rounds of ammunition captured.

Government casualties were Major W. G. Becton killed, one officer and three other ranks wounded, and one interpreter killed.—British Wireless.

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KULANGSU BLOCKADE

Serious Action By Japanese Navy

Amoy, May 25.

THE JAPANESE authorities have decided to prohibit the plying of junks between Kulangsu and the mainland after 6 p.m. to-day.

It is understood that the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. G. Uchida, communicated the decision to the Chairman of the Municipal Council to-day. It is announced that offenders of the prohibition will be strictly punished.

The Japanese authorities have reached the decision in precaution against the alleged "secret entry of Chinese irregulars into Kulangsu from the continent by means of junks engaged in maritime trade."

In imposing a fine of \$80, Mr. Edwards said that he had taken into consideration the fact that defendant had expressed his regret of the assault, he had admitted that he had a few drinks that night, and also that he had no previous conviction.

The Military Policeman who aided the constable was Lance Corporal C. Davies.

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LATE NEWS

Ambassador Leaving

His Excellency the British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark-Kerr, is expected to leave Hongkong for Shanghai either this evening or some time to-morrow. He will probably travel by warship.

The Ambassador returned to Hongkong on Monday morning from Chungking via Kunming, Hanoi and Haiphong after an extended stay in the Chinese wartime capital. He was an eye witness of the appalling air raids staged by the Japanese in that city recently.

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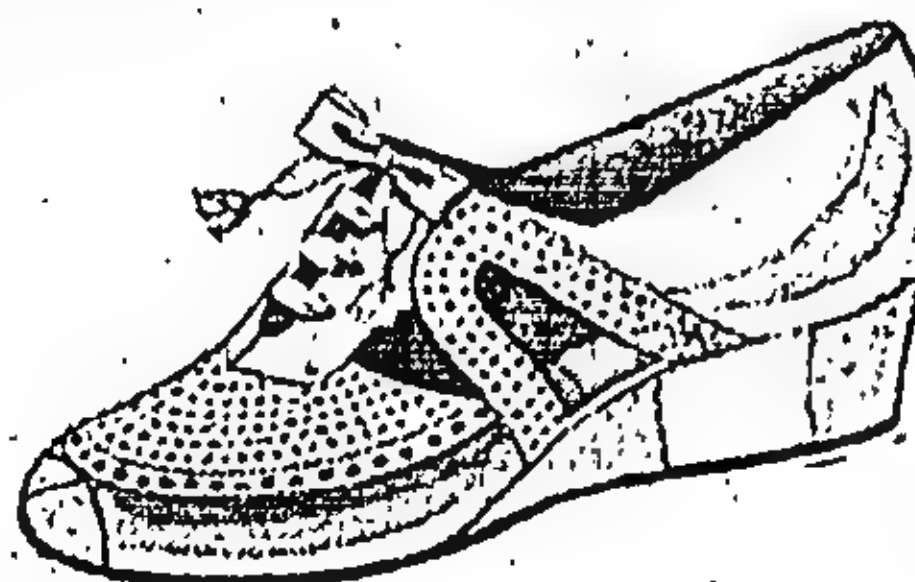
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It is reported that this incident led to the Japanese demand for the withdrawal of the British blue-jackets from Pootung.

The Japanese officer went to the British mill to inquire into the British landing, which was made without the knowledge of the Japanese authorities.—Domei.

North Atlantic Air Service Soon

London, May 24.

The departure of the United States flying-boat Yankee Clipper from Southampton on the return journey via Marseilles and Lisbon to New York, after the inauguration of the Pan-American Airways North-Atlantic airmail service, lent special interest to a statement in the House of Commons this afternoon on plans for the commencement of a North-Atlantic service by a British operating company.

Captain H. H. Balfour explained that post-ponement had been necessitated by the desire in the interests of operational safety and efficiency to give a 400-hours flight test to engines, and to carry through certain alterations to the fuelling system found desirable as a result of practical tests.

It was hoped the service would commence in July.—British Wireless.

NEW TAXES FOR SCHOOLS, BETTING, LIQUOR, CARS

PROPOSED TAXATION IN BRIEF

THE REPORT of the Committee on Taxation may be summarised as follows:

Minor taxes, aggregating an additional revenue of between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, should be adopted before major taxation. Recommended minor taxes are:

- Increased school fees
- Tightening of hospital fees and increased fees for government medical services
- Increased pari-mutuel and sweepstakes taxes
- Higher Telephone Co. royalties
- Gas and Electric Co. royalties

Taxi Co. royalties, and increased licence fees for public vehicles; Increased Liquor and Motor Spirit duties up to \$1,000,000 p.a. If these minor taxes fail to meet Government requirements, the Committee recommends:

- 1.—An Income Tax of five or ten per cent. of income;
- 2.—A tax on profit or dividends of public companies operating in Hongkong
- 3.—Increase in Assessment Rate from 17 to 25 per cent.

The Report of the Committee on Taxation, appointed on December 8 last year to consider and report on what methods of taxation could best be adopted in Hongkong should it be necessary to raise additional revenue, was tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

The Report recommends the adoption of Income Tax in the Colony if the required additional revenue is in excess of \$1,000,000. If additional taxation is below \$1,000,000 several minor forms of taxation are recommended. **TEN PER CENT. OF INCOME!**

The Committee considers that if Income Tax is adopted, a maximum rate of five per cent. should be adopted on institution with a possible rise later to ten per cent.

"Even at this low rate, and allowing for reasonably generous personal, family and other allowances, but always assuming effective administration, the existing very imperfect statistics of the income of the Colony suggest that the yield might be of the order of \$5,000,000 per annum," the Report declares.

"We consider, however, that the tax would be more easily accepted and less liable to evasion if the maximum on its first institution were put at five per cent."

HIGHER ASSESSMENT RATE

The Report suggests that Income Tax should be the first form of major taxation to be adopted if minor taxation fails to bring in the required revenue.

But, in addition to Income Tax, two revolutionary forms of taxation of a major nature, are also alternatively recommended.

These include:

- 1.—Increase in the present Assessment Rate of 17 per cent. which annually yields approximately \$6,000,000, to 25 per cent. this, it is estimated, would yield a further \$3,000,000.
- 2.—A tax on the profits, or dividends, of public companies operating in Hongkong. The Report estimates that the profits liable to such a tax might be something like \$50,000,000 per annum, yielding annually, at five per cent., at total of \$2,500,000.

The Report recommends that, of the three major forms of new taxation, Income Tax should be the first choice and states:

"If Government is satisfied that, after allowing for possible economies, substantial further revenue from taxation is likely to be required within the next few years, it would appear desirable to institute a special expert enquiry into the practicability of Income Tax in the Colony, under the Chairmanship, or at least with the assistance, of a man experienced in the administration of the tax in an Eastern country."

Disadvantages

As regards the proposed increase in the Assessment Rate, the Report states:

"Having regard to the considerations of inequity and social evils likely to arise from the incidence of an increase in the rates, we recommend that, in spite of ease and economy of collection and the size of the yield to be expected, this means to additional revenue should be regarded rather as a last resource."

Company Taxation

As regards the proposed Corporation Profits Tax, the Committee draws several adverse conclusions, including difficulty of assessment and collection, objection on the score of equity, evasion, unjust discrimination, etc.

"Though such a tax is unjust in the sense that it is discriminatory, we feel that it has at least the merit of spreading the burden over a wider class, namely, all shareholders, rather than settling it upon the more restricted class of landowners."

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ARAMIS IN NEW INCIDENT JAPANESE BOARD LINER NEAR H.K.

FOLLOWING closely on the Ranpura incident, a Japanese destroyer yesterday held up the 15,500-ton Messageries Maritimes liner Aramis, less than an hour after it left Hongkong en route to Shanghai.

Despite vigorous protests by the Commander of the gleaming white liner, a Japanese boarding party of three officers and two men forced its way on board and seized the ship's papers and log book.

These were thoroughly examined before being returned to the ship. Although the squat, square funnels and gleaming white hull, on which is painted a huge tricolour, left no doubt regarding the nationality of the liner, the Officer in Charge of the boarding party insisted on obtaining verbal confirmation of the port of origin, the port of departure and the type of cargo carried.

Aboard For Hour

The Japanese remained aboard the vessel for approximately one hour, after which it was released.

The Aramis is scheduled to arrive in Shanghai to-night.

The French liner left the Kowloon wharves, where she tied-up alongside the P. & O. liner Ranpura, at 1 o'clock yesterday. About 40 minutes after leaving Hongkong territorial waters, the ship was intercepted by a Japanese destroyer, which hoisted the usual "heave to" signal, to which it drew attention by firing a blank shot.

About 80 sailors and 200 passengers were aboard the French ship.

Radio Appeal

The "Telegraph" understands that the Commander of the Aramis PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

STRONG PROTEST LODGED

Sir Percy Noble Tells Japanese

THE "TELEGRAPH" is officially informed that a strong protest has been lodged with the Japanese authorities by the British Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Percy Noble, in connection with the Ranpura outrage.

It was reported from unofficial sources this morning that, as an outcome of the incident, British naval guards may be placed on all British ships trading to and from the Far East.

It is emphasised that there is no confirmation for this report of which the naval spokesman at present knows nothing. A sensational rumour was current in Shanghai this morning that the Japanese boarding party had seized three official mail bags aboard the Ranpura. The bags were allegedly on consignment to the military authorities in Hongkong. This rumour is emphatically denied in official military circles.

Yangtze Interference

LONDON, May 24.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain stated in the course of a reply in the House of Commons today, that Viscount Halifax had received a number of reports indicating that there recently had been a marked intensification in interference with British trade and shipping in the lower Yangtze delta. He added that representations were being made to the Japanese Government.—Reuter.



THE KING at the microphone.

BONDS LINK TWO DEMOCRACIES

KING GEORGE VI PLEDGES PEACE

WINNIPEG, May 24.

HIS MAJESTY the King to-day made what is possibly the most vital pronouncement on international affairs he has ever uttered, during his Empire Day radio broadcast.

"Canada—and—the United States have had to dispose of searching differences in their aims and interests during the past hundred years but never has one of these difficulties been resolved by force or threat," he said.

"No man, thank God, will ever again conceive such arbitrament between the peoples of my Empire and the people of the United States as obtained during the wars for independence."

His Majesty thereby pledged peace with the United States.

This incursion into international politics is another of a series of broken precedents and it seems that the King and his advisers on tour are entering a phase of more dynamic conception of the duties as a constitutional monarch than they have hitherto.—United Press.

Text Of Speech

WINNIPEG, May 24.—Addressing the Empire-by-radio, the King declared that civilisation in Europe and Asia was sorely troubled, and the Old World might look for guidance to the New World.

Recalling that Winnipeg City, from which he was speaking, was no more than a fort and a hamlet upon an open prairie when Queen Victoria began to rule, His Majesty said that today it was a monument to the faith and energy which had created and helped up a world-wide Empire of our time.

"We often talk of the Old World and the New. It is one of the greatest services of the British Empire, that it serves as a link to harmonise the two. For a long period history was the mind of Europe, which led the march and fixed the aims of progress. PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST

Duke Seeks To Visit Home

PARIS, May 25.—It is understood that the Duke of Windsor has notified the British Government twice since January that he desires to pay a brief visit to England. Both times, it is said, he has been told that his visit would be untimely and it has been suggested that he waits another six months. The Duke telephoned his mother as soon as he heard about her accident yesterday.—United Press.

Submarine Rescue

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The rescue ship Falcon radioed the Navy to-day today saying they have "rescued all the known survivors" of the Squalus.—United Press.

Russia And Poland

WARSAW, May 25.—The Soviet Ambassador, M. Nicolai Scharanov, to-day took charge of the Soviet Embassy here, marking the resumption of full diplomatic relations between Poland and Russia after a lapse of two years which is considered very important.—United Press.

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Further Late News

ANOTHER BY-ELECTION REVERSE FOR GOVT.

LONDON, May 25.

ANOTHER serious rebuff for the British Government's policy was administered yesterday, when, in a by-election at Kennington, the Government lost the seat to Labour.

In a total turn-over of 4,141 votes, Mr. John Willmot gained the seat for Labour by polling 10,715 against Major Angus Kennedy, Conservative, who received 7,119 votes.

The Labour majority was 3,596.

In the last election, Sir George Harvey, Conservative, won by the narrow margin of 546, polling 12,601 votes.

The by-election was caused by his death recently.—Reuter Special.

FRANCO-SOVIET PACT BECOMES TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Premier Announces Pact Details: Full Agreement At Early Date

LONDON, May 24.

THE BRITISH CABINET has announced the decision to conclude a mutual aid pact with Russia.

A Government spokesman told the "United Press" that the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, hoped within 24 hours to instruct the British Ambassador to Moscow to propose to the Soviet Foreign Minister a conclusion of a complete pact for mutual aid.

It is the intention at present to merge the 1939 Franco-Soviet mutual assistance treaty into a triple alliance.

It is also understood that the Cabinet has approved the provision obligating any two powers armed forces to go to the aid of the third if attacked.

Mr. Chamberlain said all the relevant points of view had been made clear, although there are still some further points to be clarified. He does not anticipate any difficulty in regard to these.

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RESCUE FROM LIVING TOMB

Diving Bell Saves 24 From Submarine: 26 Die

PORTSMOUTH, May 24.

A REPORT received at 6.35 p.m. states that 24 of the crew of the lost U.S. submarine Squalus have been brought to the surface in the diving bell.

The Navy Department reports that 26 members of the sunken submarine Squalus are dead while 32 are known to be safe.

Eight persons, still alive, remain in the submarine.

The Falcon's rescue chamber brought the first seven of the Squalus crew to the surface at 4.35 p.m. this

achieving the first diving bell rescue in the history of the Navy.

The rescued men were placed in a decompression chamber, after which they will be transferred to the U.S.S. Brooklyn's emergency hospital if they are in good condition.

The rescue crew required a little under two hours to haul down a line to be fastened to the Squalus.

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Revolutionary Taxation Recommended By Local Committee

could, of course, be limited to non-resident shareholders but attractive as that may be at first sight, we cannot conceive ourselves of its equity, while such limitation would at once reduce the yield and open a new loophole for evasion through registration of shares in the names of resident "dummies."

"It should finally be observed that this tax would leave unaffected, in so far as they are not shareholders in public companies, the salaries and professional classes, the landlords and the large body of private businessmen, whose operations, although individually smaller in scale than those of big public companies, give rise to a large aggregate of profits."

Tax Schools, Hospitals

The Committee recommends that, if possible, several minor forms of taxation should be adopted before Income Tax, Tax on Profits and an increase in the Assessment Rates. These minor taxes would give an aggregate yield of at least \$500,000 per annum, and possibly as much as \$1,000,000.

The recommendations for minor taxation are:

SCHOOL FEES

"We consider that school fees should be raised considerably in the case of European schools, with, however, extended provision for scholarships and reduced fees to meet the needs of poor parents."

"Schools for non-Europeans present a more complicated problem. If the fees were kept high the class of the school might gradually be raised. The means of the parent, however, must not be neglected."

"We consider that the services of a board might advantageously be required to determine the scale of fees appropriate to both the school and the parent."

"We were impressed, in our consideration of the fees derived from Government schools, by a comparison of the relation of fees to salaries obtaining in these schools with that shown by a non-Government institution. The fees of a representative Government School for European children—the Central British—present only about ten per cent of the total expenditure."

MEDICAL FEES

"We believe that the practice of Government hospitals in charging fees appropriate to the position of patients is less strict than that of non-Government institutions and we

"On the other hand, while the Colony is unlikely to experience financial stringency this year or next, it is not to be expected that the revenues will maintain their present dimensions, partly fortuitous as they are, when two Japanese hospitals come to an end. The prospect must be faced, therefore, that either the policies proposed by the development of the hotel services and the reduction of income revenue must be found. The former alternative is a highly unattractive one for the latter, it will not be seriously considered that this community is heavily taxed at present and I believe that I have fairly interpreted the sentiments of the majority in asserting that further taxation to provide the amount necessary to support and develop those policies would be a heavy burden, provided that fair and equitable means of raising it are found."

Facsimile of the Governor's address to Legislative Council, October 13, 1938.

hope that a comprehensive review of the rates and incidence of such charges will follow the establishment of an Almoner's Department which is now in hand. The possibility of an increase in certain other fees for medical services might also be reviewed.

BETTING DUTY

"The present Betting Duty is five per cent on sweepstakes and two per cent on pari-mutuel. We consider that both these rates might be increased without deterring the public from participating in sweepstakes and pari-mutuel. We would deprecate, however, an increase of this duty having to be borne or shared by the Jockey Club. The Jockey Club, which is a purely social institution, earns no more than a reasonable profit, and we are informed that it will be faced with heavy expenditure in the future. Any increase, therefore, should be derived exclusively from the betting public."

"An additional one per cent, on the present pari-mutuel rate, and one per cent, or two per cent, on the sweepstake rate should, after allowing the Jockey Club to retain its percentage as at present, produce approximately \$100,000 on the basis of present conditions."

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY

"We are informed that the present franchise of this Company is unsatisfactory in various ways: both to the Company and to Government, and we recommend that the possibility of revision in such a manner as to secure higher royalties for Government, while removing the features

which are at present objectionable to the Company, should be investigated in collaboration with the Company.

GAS AND ELECTRICITY

"The Gas and Electricity Companies have de facto but not legal monopolies, the Gas Company to the whole Colony and the two Electric Companies on the island and the mainland respectively."

"They pay no royalties to Government and their charges are at present unregulated. We feel that they might legitimately be called upon to pay a reasonable royalty for their de facto privileges which could then be made de jure, and to submit to a regulation of charges."

"...as a basic principle we recommend a royalty calculated with relation to profits in excess of some agreed minimum return on capital; the latter would of course be adjusted to the true value of the companies' undertaking and would not necessarily correspond to issued capital."

TAXI COMPANIES

"We have discussed at some length with the Hon. Commissioner of Police the possible conversion of the taxi services into monopolies on public utility lines, paying royalties to Government, and we consider that this is to be recommended in the case of the taxis which ply for hire on the streets, but that other public cars should not be so controlled. Some increase in the licence fees of public vehicles now plying for hire on the streets would probably be necessary to maintain equality of treatment between them and the taxis."

TRANSPORT COMPANIES

(Buses, trams and ferries)

"We consider that the present arrangements should be left undisturbed. We observe, however, that the Tramways' royalty will increase to 25 per cent of the company's working profits in the near future and that the royalties payable by the Ferry Companies are already increasing."

IMPORT DUTIES

"We consider that the duties on Liquor and Motor Spirit could be increased. An increase of up to \$1,000,000 per annum might be secured from the duties on liquor and motor spirit. We have taken note of the recent decision to tax Diesel Engine fuel equally with petrol."

Rejected Suggestions

"The Committee considered but rejected suggestions for new or increased taxation on the following:

- Customs Duties;
- Import duty on luxuries;
- Salt;
- Surtax on Rates;
- Increased internal letter postage to 4 cents;
- Marine Surveying Fees;
- Increased taxation on motor vehicles;
- Increased Death Duties;
- Business Licences;
- Passenger Landing Fees;
- Corporation Profits Tax on non-residents;
- Sales Tax;
- Entertainment Tax;
- Poll Tax.

"Get Lawyer," Magistrate Advises Case Stopped At Central Court

THE HEARING of a case against two piano makers, formerly of the Tsang Fook Piano Company, was suddenly stopped by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, and formally adjourned until Monday, May 29, when it will be heard before another Magistrate.

The two men, Kong San, 20, and Tang Wah, 26, were charged with obtaining six dozen brass hinges from a firm in Wanchai Road on April 11 by false pretences, and with obtaining six plane steels from the same place on April 12.

Before the case started, the Police pointed out that the alleged offences happened in April, and nothing was done by complainants until the defendants had reported to the Police station that they had been assaulted by their master.

"More Than Meets Eye"
In adjourning the case, Mr. Houston said: "There seems to be more in the case than meets the eye. I shall pass the case on to another Magistrate."

Defendants were also advised by the Magistrate to get a lawyer for their defence.

Both defendants were bailed out on a personal bond of \$50 each.

Bulgaria Wants Dobruja


Sofia, May 24.—Demonstrations for the return of Dobruja to Bulgaria took place all over Bulgaria to-day, when schoolchildren marched through city streets.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW PARLOPHONE RECORDS.

- R2042. Voices of Spring. Waltz. Orchestra Mascotte.
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- R2030. Kisses in The Dark. Serenade. Kiss Serenade. Frederic Hippmann & His Orch.
- R2025. Futuristic Rhythm. Rhythm Style. Get Happy. Frankie Trumbauer & His Orch.
- R2028. Third Waltz Medley. (Robrecht.) Orchestra Mascotte.
- R2020. My Dream Tango. Tango. By The Black Sea. George Boulanger & His Orch.
- F1389. March of the Herald. Phillip Green & His Orch.
- F1387. Jolly Brothers. Victor Silvester's Harmony Music.
- F1390. Baby's Sweetheart. (with Dance Instruction.)
- F1390. Veleta. Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.
- F1385. St. Bernard Waltz. Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.
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KULANGSU BLOCKADE

Serious Action By Japanese Navy

Amoy, May 25.

THE JAPANESE authorities have decided to prohibit the plying of junks between Kulangsu and the mainland after 6 p.m. to-day.

It is understood that the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. G. Uchida, communicated the decision to the Chairman of the Municipal Council to-day. It is announced that offenders of the prohibition will be strictly punished. The Japanese authorities have reached the decision in precaution against the alleged "secret entry of Chinese irregulars into Kulangsu from the continent by means of junks engaged in maritime trade."—Domei.

BAN ON JUNK TRAFFIC
AMOI, May 15.—The Japanese naval authorities have issued a proclamation prohibiting the plying of junks between Kulangsu and the Continent after 5.00 o'clock this afternoon.

Ships with passes issued by the Japanese naval authorities will be exempted from the ban. The proclamation notifies that those who already have passes or who want to obtain passes should apply to the Japanese naval authorities through their respective consulates or the Amoy Office of the China Affairs Board.—Domei.

Court Claims Increase Report Tabled In Council

A SUM of \$1,056,615.63 was involved in claims heard in original jurisdiction in Hongkong last year, as against \$1,021,619.10 in 1937. These figures are given in the report of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Official Trustee, Official Administrator, and Registrar of Companies for the year 1938, which was tabled in the Executive Council this afternoon.

The report stated that 196 original jurisdiction cases were instituted, as against 172 in 1937. The fees collected were \$14,294.00, as against \$13,047.25. Seventy-five miscellaneous proceedings were heard.

Summary Jurisdiction
In summary jurisdiction 1,383 actions were instituted, as against 1,582 in 1937. They involved claims amounting to \$336,104.49, as against \$382,597.91 in 1937.

Unpaid rents showed a big jump and 3,040 distrains were issued compared with 2,050 in the previous year. The unpaid rents amounted to \$304,233.87, whereas the 1937 figure was \$263,122.88.

Fees collected amounted to \$29,104.75, as against \$24,530.00 in 1937.

CLIPPER DELAYED

The Pan-American Clipper, with mails and passengers from the U.S. and Philippines, which was due to arrive in Hongkong to-day, has been delayed owing to bad weather and will not now arrive until to-morrow.

Imperial Airways' Dorado is expected at Kai Tak with mails at 4.30 p.m.

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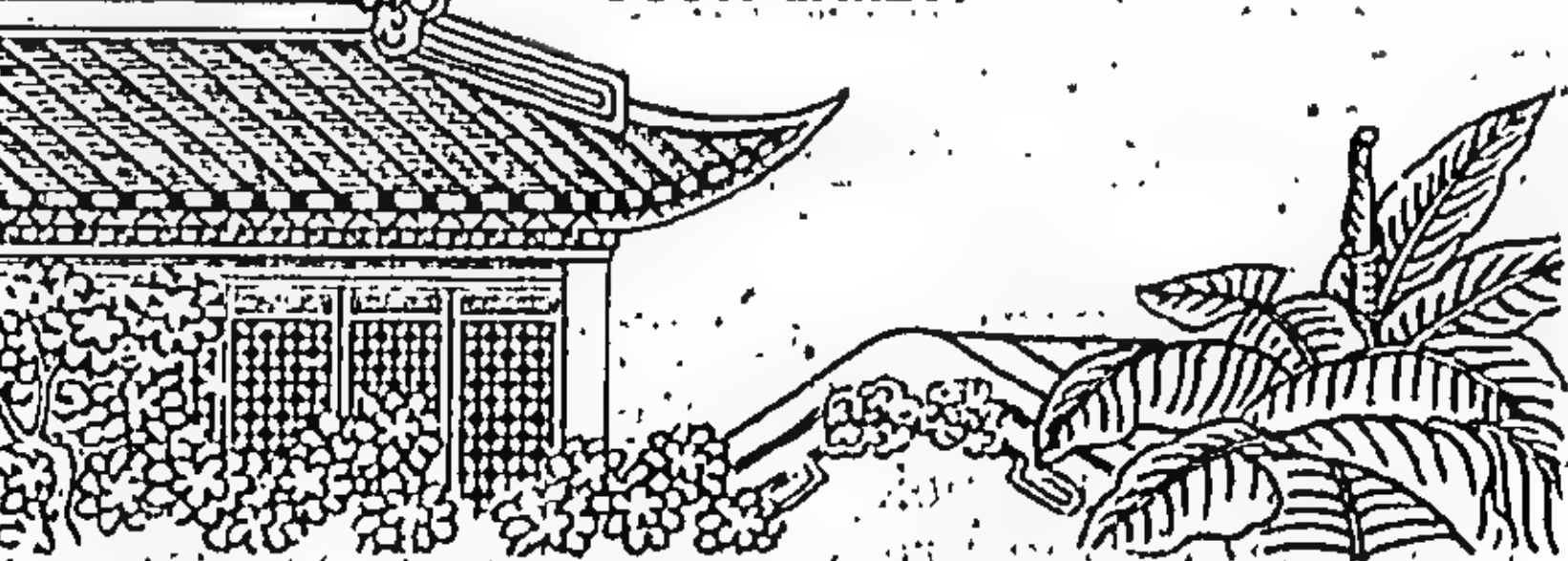
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Major Taxation: Recommendations In Full

The full text of the recommendations for major taxation by the Committee on Taxation, whose Report was tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon, is given below.

The Committee recommends that several minor forms of taxation should be instituted before any of the major forms, recommended below, are adopted.

The recommendations regarding major taxation comes under three headings—an increase in the existing Assessment Rate from 17 to 25 per cent., adoption of a Corporation Profit Tax, and Income Tax. The latter is recommended as the most desirable of the three.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MILLIONS IN REVENUE

THE REPORT makes the following suggestions for major increases in taxation:

RATES

The "assessment" or urban rate, which at present stands at 17 per cent. yields annually about \$6,000,000 or about 1/6 of the total Colonial revenue.

The present rate is lower than that obtaining in Shanghai or in Singapore. 2 per cent. is, however, earmarked as water revenue and the amount strictly available for general purposes is approximately \$5,300,000.

This form of taxation presented itself at an early point in our discussions as an obvious sphere in which considerable additional revenue might be found. A large part of the public expenditure incurred by this Colony is properly municipal expenditure and it would seem appropriate that an increase of this nature should be met by a raised assessment.

Justice Of Incidence

A suitable increase in the rate would, no doubt, yield extra revenue of the order we assume to be contemplated, e.g. an addition of 8 per cent. would produce about \$5,000,000.

It would be appropriate to a large section of local public expenditure and would present little difficulty in collection by comparison with other forms of increased taxation. We believe, however, that the final test of its acceptability must lie in the justice of its incidence, a matter to which our attention is clearly directed by our terms of reference.

The burden of an increase in the rates would be likely to be divided in the first place between tenant and landlord.

If there were a shortage of houses most of it might be shifted at once to the tenant; if there were a surplus the landlord might have to suffer it temporarily.

In the long run most of it would probably be shifted to the tenant, since capital seeking investment in property would still expect more or less the same net return after deducting rates.

The tenants or occupiers, consist partly of business enterprises, on whom the effect would be to tax disproportionately those, e.g. factories and dock companies, whose business, and require a large area of land, and partly of private occupiers, predominantly the dwellers in tenement houses.

On the private occupier the assessment acts as a very approximate income tax, which, however, bears more heavily in proportion to income on the poor than on the rich, instead of bearing progressively more heavily on the higher incomes, as is expected in a modern taxation system. An increase in the rates would, in fact, be what is called a regressive, rather than a progressive tax.

Discrimination

In so far as an increase of rates was not passed on to the tenant, it would constitute a tax on a particular class of investor, the landlord, and would be discriminating as between him and others deriving income from capital invested in the Colony.

We have also been impressed by the view that any increased taxation having the effect of forcing up rents and/or comparatively better off, to encourage the slums, the eradication of which is one of the purposes for which, we assume, Government expects to have to find further funds. Any tax must force the taxpayer to adjust his mode of living to a reduced net income, but a tax bearing directly on housing accommodation necessarily forces such adjustment into a socially undesirable channel.

Having regard to these considerations of inequity and social evils likely to arise from the incidence of an increase in the rates, we recommend that, in spite of the ease and economy of collection and the size of the yield to be expected, this means to additional revenue should be regarded rather as a last resource.

CORPORATION PROFITS TAX

A tax on the profits, or dividends, of public companies operating in Hongkong is a second suggestion which is common with an increase in the assessment, could be made to produce additional revenue of substantial amount. It is estimated that the profits liable to such a tax might be something like \$50,000,000 per annum, yielding annually, at a per cent. \$2,500,000.

It would present, however, some difficulties of assessment and collection and it is open to objection on the score of equity. The effective administration of such a tax would require expert scrutiny of companies

What Income Tax May Cost

If Government adopts the major proposal to institute Income Tax in the Colony this is what it will cost you per annum, less certain deductions for married men with families, etc.:

Income per Month	5% Income Tax	10% Income Tax
\$250	\$210	\$420
400	240	480
500	300	600
600	360	720
700	420	840
800	480	960
1,000	600	1,200
1,200	720	1,440
1,500	900	1,800
2,000	1,200	2,400

accounts by something like an embryo Income Tax Department.

Evasion (i.e. concealment of profits liable to tax) would probably be small, but extensive efforts at "avoidance" by devices within the law, e.g. transfer of registry, manipulation of accounts with associated companies outside Hongkong, might be expected.

No doubt such avoidance would be partly met by suitable safeguards in the law, and there would be a substantial body of company profits which would be unable to escape tax; but only constant expert vigilance could prevent the gradual leaking away of much of that liability.

Unjust

As regards incidence, such a tax must, at once or eventually, fall upon the shareholders.

From the point of view of equity it is open, like a tax on landlords, to the objection that it differentiates unfairly between one group of investors, i.e. shareholders of Hongkong companies, and others, i.e. those who have invested in property, private businesses or companies registered and operating outside the Colony.

As compared with a profits tax would be unfair also as between individual shareholders who would pay, not in proportion to their total incomes but in proportion to their holdings in Hongkong companies.

Though such a tax is unjust in the sense that it is discriminatory, we feel that it has at least the merit of spreading the burden over a wider class, namely, all shareholders, rather than settling it upon the more restricted class of landowners.

It could, of course, be limited to non-resident shareholders, but attractive as that may be at first sight, we cannot convince ourselves of its equity, while such limitation would at once reduce the yield and open a new loophole for evasion through registration of shares in the names of resident "dummies".

It should finally be observed that this tax would leave unaffected, in so far as they are not shareholders, in public companies, the salaried and professional classes, the landlords and the large body of private businessmen, whose operations, although in principle smaller in scale than those of big public companies, give rise to a large aggregate of profits.

Finally we considered the institution of an Income Tax. This is a standard tax in most Western countries, in the British Dominions and in India; and the only important territories in the Colonial Empire in which it does not exist in some form are the Gold Coast, Malaya and Hongkong.

We are agreed that this direct form of taxation is the most logical, equitable and remunerative, and at the same time the least discriminatory, if it is capable of successful administration.

It is unnecessary to argue the theoretical case for such a tax on grounds of equity and we have therefore devoted our consideration of this subject rather to its practicability.

Doubts Of Success

The grave doubts which are widely felt as to the possibility of its successful administration in this Colony may be summarised as follows:

1. The economic and geographic situation of the Colony, which is more of a municipality than a country, presents many obvious loopholes for evasion.
2. The primitive system of book-keeping used by Chinese firms would render fair assessments difficult if not impossible.
3. The migratory nature of the Colony's population, and the extremely mixed taxable community with greatly differing standards of living make Hongkong unsuited to the tax generally.
4. Many benefits are still to be derived from preserving the Colony as a haven for "refugees".

capital. The Colony's prosperity depends to a large extent on the fact that it is the entrepot of China, a free port, without income tax and without excessive taxation. An unwise fiscal imposition may well upset this precarious prosperity.

5. So radical a departure in fiscal policy would give rise to a demand, now dormant, for popular representation.
6. The full effect of the tax, for one reason or another, would not reach the Chinese community. The European would bear the chief burden and the Chinese escape or evade its incidence. Any differential treatment between races in this small community would be invidious and give rise to intense dissatisfaction.
7. The administration of an income tax locally would not be possible at an economic cost. A large and expert European staff would have to be imported.
8. An experimental Income Tax was introduced in the Straits Settlements during the war and was later abandoned.
9. Economic and industrial development—particularly of small factories as yet in their infancy—would be seriously affected.
10. Much of the real burden of an Income Tax would, in effect, be borne by the United Kingdom Treasury, in the way of allowances and remissions.
11. Payment of Income Tax might dry up the flow of subscriptions to public charities, e.g. Chinese hospitals.
12. Finally, it is undesirable to pass a law capable of only partial enforcement.

In Favour

On the other side, the following arguments can be brought against these misgivings.

1. In every country loopholes for evasion exist, and will always exist. But there are also certain considerable classes of income which cannot easily escape, e.g. income from property in the Colony, profits of companies registered in the Colony, salaries and pensions of the employees of Government and other large employers. The real problem is, could evasion be kept within reasonable bounds? The same fears were expressed on the introduction of the tax in the United Kingdom and in other countries, and it is well-known that incessant vigilance is necessary to prevent evasion in those countries. The tax is, however, regarded as successful at home and there is no actual evidence that there is any greater tendency to evasion in Eastern countries than in the United Kingdom itself.
2. In this connection we have studied the original report, written in 1930, by Mr. J. Huxham, now Financial Secretary of Ceylon, on the possibility of Income Tax in Ceylon, and we have profited by a letter from him on the present working of the tax in that Colony, where evasion has not so far been a serious problem. However, the position of Hongkong may not be strictly analogous with that of Ceylon, and we consider that it is impossible to give a final answer to this objection without much fuller investigation.
3. This is in the main true, but is not by any means a final objection. The education of the community in the modern system of accountancy would run concurrently with the early stages of the tax, exactly as has happened in the United Kingdom under the pressure of the need to satisfy the authorities of the accuracy of the taxpayer's own estimates of his income. By the time the tax was well established, this objection would probably have lost much of its force.

Migratory Population

2. The migratory section of the population is, in general, precisely that section which would be exempt from the tax. Standards of living may, indeed, have to be reduced in some cases, but this is not a relevant objection to this particular form of tax, however relevant it may be to the issue of whether to impose additional taxation at all. A tax would become objectionable when its effect was to reduce the standard of living to an uneconomic and prohibitive level. No result of this nature is contemplated in Hongkong, if the usual scheme of allowances and exemptions is adopted.
4. The rates to be imposed in Hongkong should not, we consider, be sufficiently high to drive away "refugees" capital and companies. It might even pay to treat the bank deposits particularly generously in any event, diminished returns might well be accepted if attended by undiminished security.
5. This is quite a possible result, although it is not one which has occurred on the imposition of the

Constitution Of Committee

The members of the Taxation Committee, which was appointed by His Excellency the Governor on December 9 last year, are:

Hon. Mr. S. Caine, Financial Secretary to the Colony;
Sir V. M. Grayburn, Chief Manager, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation;
Mr. J. H. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong;
Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Managing Director, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.;
Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Solicitor;
Mr. J. Fleming, Senior Partner, Messrs. Lowe, Ditcham & Matthews.

Mr. C. B. Burgess, Colonial Administrative Service (Secretary).
The Hon. Messrs. S. Caine, J. J. Paterson and M. K. Lo are members of the Legislative Council.

tax in other countries. For example, direct taxation was never added, even in the most turbulent times, as grounds for agitation for popular representation in India. The collection of any given amount of extra revenue may well lead to a demand for popular control of finance, whether it is raised by Income Tax or by other means.

Ceylon's Experience

6. This argument is a particular aspect of point 1 and might have some force during the early administration of the tax. Careful preliminary investigation and adequate safeguards would be necessary. If the initial stages can be successfully passed there is no reason to believe that the increased agility of the evasive taxpayer will not be more than counter-balanced by the added experience of the income tax officers.
7. If an Income Tax is considered advisable on other grounds, the cost of administration should not be so heavy as to affect the question. In Ceylon, the cost has been about 4 per cent. of the yield. This cost would certainly require consideration in any preliminary investigation but it would naturally diminish after the initial years.
8. The experience in the Straits Settlements was too short, the powers given to the Revenue authorities too limited, the circumstances during its operation too exceptional to enable any useful conclusion to be drawn from it.

Discouragement

9. The possible discouragement of factories is a sound economic objection, but factories could be compensated in other ways, e.g. either by an adjustment of rates as under the English Industrial Derating System, or by a general reduction in the assessment. Factories might well prefer an Income Tax, which would affect their profits only, to an increase in assessed rates which would be payable even when no profits could be shown.
10. This point has not been felt as an objection in other Colonies or Dominions, the general view being that the payment of the tax being that which gives rise to the income, where an income arises the first right to tax it. This Colony has, in the past, assisted the Imperial Government to a relatively greater extent than have other Colonies, particularly in regard to the Defence Contribution, and the objection should not carry much weight if the tax be considered advisable on other grounds. If it is the general wish that the Colony should assist the Home Government more generously, that can be done better, and by that can be done better, by the voting of additional funds for the purpose in the annual Budget.

11. It cannot be denied that private charity may be less generous if the wealthy have already paid an Income Tax, but it is regretfully noted that the stream of private charity is already showing a marked falling off, and the necessity of Government subventions to private charitable institutions is one of the reasons why Government may have to raise further revenue.
12. The whole question turns on the possibility of administering the tax so successfully as to make it acceptable. The production of an Income Tax has never originated in a theoretical effort to perfect the system of taxation, but in a stern need for revenue. If, therefore, additional revenue of considerable proportions is required, and if it is considered that an Income Tax will produce that additional revenue, the possibility of extension is available at the early years.

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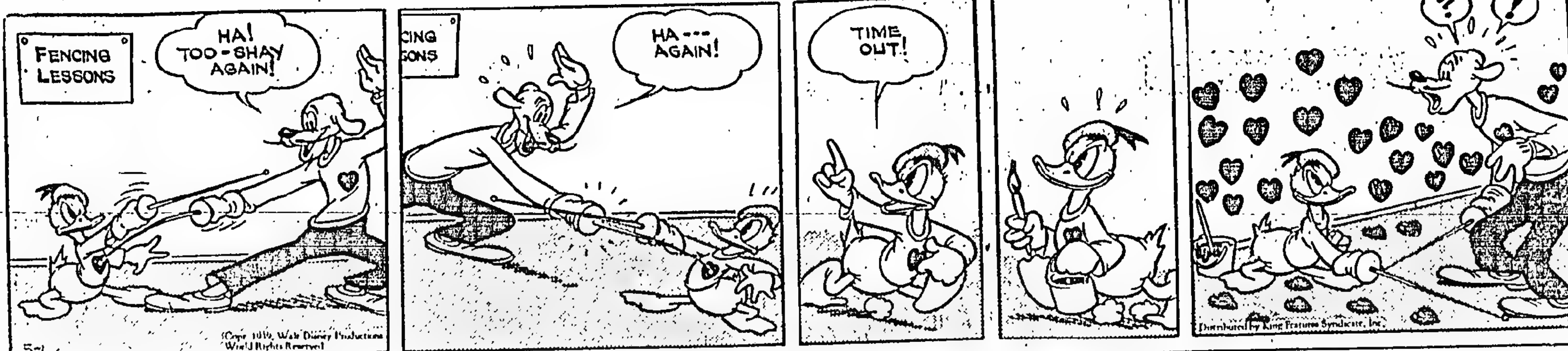
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DANZIG SITUATION BECOMES SERIOUS

BERLIN, May 24. INFORMED circles close to the Wilhelmstrasse have indicated that the renewed tension in Danzig is serious. They express the belief that if the Danzig Senate's protest to Warsaw is not answered satisfactorily the German Foreign Office may make strong representations to the Polish Government.—United Press.

STRONG PROTEST

DANZIG, May 24. Following yesterday's report by a German chauffeur that he was fired on near the Polish frontier, the Danzig Germans have sent a new note vigorously protesting to Poland against the alleged violation of Danzig's sovereignty.

This note has renewed the tension here, especially as it was couched in very strong terms. Two Nazi representatives made a dramatic arrival here by airplane from Berlin to-day to lay Hitler's wreath on the coffin of the Danzig German Greubner who was shot last Sunday.—United Press.

SIX POINTS EMPHASISED

Danzig, May 24. Dr. Greiser, President of the Danzig Senate, has lodged a further sharp protest with the Polish Government against alleged violations of Danzig territory. The note is said to have called attention to the following six points: 1. Within a few days, several harmless persons have been fired on in the Danzig territory near the frontier by Polish soldiers. 2. The official commission of investigation appointed by the Danzig authorities was prevented by Polish soldiers from carrying out its activities in the Danzig territory. 3. Polish soldiers on patrol duty have repeatedly crossed into Danzig territory. 4. Polish military planes have repeatedly flown over Danzig territory. 5. A harmless excursionist was murdered at Kalthof by the chauffeur of a Polish diplomatic agent. 6. The murderer was brought into safety across the Polish frontier by officials of the Danzig diplomatic agency. The note goes on to say that only because of the discipline of the Danzig officials and the population were disastrous results avoided. The Polish Government is requested to take the necessary measures for restoring order on the Danzig frontier, and for checking excesses by officials.

PREMIER'S HOPE

LONDON, May 24. The hope that the recent incidents at Danzig would not be permitted to lead to greater complications was expressed by the Prime Minister at question-time in the House of Commons when he gave the House such information as was in the possession of the Foreign Secretary regarding the events at Kalthof on Sunday.

Mr. Chamberlain said that according to reports received in the Foreign Office, demonstrations were made on May 21 against the Polish Customs House at Kalthof within the Danzig territory on the East Prussian border. There was a conflict of evidence as to the nature and results of these demonstrations.

The Polish Commissioner-General in Danzig sent representatives to investigate the affair and, in circumstances of which accounts also differed very widely, a Danzig citizen was killed. It was after recording that formal protests had been made on both sides that the Premier expressed the above hope.—British Wireless.

NEW ALLIANCE DENIED

Warsaw, May 24. The official Polish news-agency has issued an authorised statement denying foreign press reports that Poland and Rumania had decided to replace their defensive alliance pact which refers only to the eventuality of a Soviet attack on either of them, by a more comprehensive agreement. It is also denied that negotiations are now going on in Warsaw for the settlement of details of a more comprehensive Polish-Rumanian alliance.—Trans-Ocean.

Research Centres On Onion

AUSTIN, Tex. Miss Hilda Roscoe, just awarded a fellowship by the Guggenheim memorial foundation to continue investigations begun as assistant professor of zoology at the University of Texas, is busily engaged in finding how much water an onion will take up under differing conditions.

Palostino

BRITISH MAJOR KILLED

Gang Wiped Out

LONDON, May 24. A report from the High Commissioner for Palestine received at the Colonial Office says that heavy casualties were inflicted on a gang of armed bandits located and engaged by aircraft in an area east of Tulkarm yesterday, and subsequently engaged by converging columns of the 2nd battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment, and a detachment of the 1st battalion the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Eleven bodies of bandits had been recovered to date, two prisoners taken, and twelve rifles, three pistols, and 1,410 rounds of ammunition captured.

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Reports add that troops and defence corps units from various nearby towns assisted the fire brigades in combating the blaze. Loss of property runs into millions of pounds.

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At the meeting convened by the Governor on Thursday to consider the possibility of raising a corps of Rifle Volunteers nothing definite was arranged, but the general feeling was that it could be done, the only being to form a "corps" out of the banks and big firms as a nucleus.

"Hongkong, its inadequacy for actual and future requirements," by Carolus de Jesmont (a non-descript), is a tiny pamphlet published by Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, of this colony. It purports to deal with our great evil—house cramming—and suggests as the only remedy—an extension of territory to be acquired from the Chinese Government by the adjoining province of Kwangtung. To us it appears to be the forerunner of some new Lim Liability Company.

A nicer day—that is to say cooler and more enjoyable—could not have been than yesterday, on the occasion of the Queen's birthday. All the men-of-war and many of the merchant ships were gay with bunting, but the holiday was not general, many of the principal establishments keeping their doors closed. Most of those who were at liberty went away on picnics, a large and distinguished party visiting the Taitum reservoir for the purpose of treating themselves to a glass of drinkable water. Towards the close of the afternoon the usual military turnout in honour of the old lady's seventieth birthday took place, as it was doing, probably, in a thousand places in various latitudes. In point of moral effect it was interesting and useful, but as a manifestation of exuberant joy because Mrs. Guelph had successfully drawn somewhere about seventeen million pounds from a hard-up nation for doing nothing it was a huge failure.

25 YEARS AGO. May 25, 1914. In the House of Commons Mr. Churchill announced that the Government is taking up £2,200,000 worth of shares in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company to secure a large oil-fuel supply for the Admiralty.

The amalgamation of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the British India

HALF OF A TOWN IN FLAMES

Two Perish In Estonia Disaster

TALLINN, May 24. A LARGE part of Petseri, most important town in south-eastern Estonia, was destroyed by fire to-day.

The conflagration started in a wooden shed and spread with amazing rapidity, fanned by a strong wind. In less than an hour the entire central part of the town was in flames.

Local fire brigades, assisted by brigades from adjacent towns and villages, finally succeeded in getting the fire under control in the early afternoon, following a desperate struggle.

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Monarchy For Syria?

Press Forecasts

Beirut, May 24. Newspaper reports here to-day assert that the establishment of a monarchy in Syria before the end of May. Rumours of the establishment of such a regime have been freely circulated here for some time.

The names of certain members of the pro-British Hashimite family are mentioned as likely candidates for the throne. It is also stated that France has decided not to put into operation the Franco-Syrian treaty of 1936, which has still to be ratified by France.—Trans-Ocean.

GENEVA, May 24.—The League Council, at a private meeting to-day, adopted the resolution drafted by the committee, inviting member States to increase any assistance they might be able to give to China individually.—Reuter.

Steam Navigation Company is officially announced.

10 YEARS AGO. May 25, 1929. Yesterday's report of the decisive victory by the Canton Army over the Kwangsi troops near Lupa have now been definitely confirmed. The action yesterday was somewhat indecisive, but to-day it has been turned into a complete victory for the Cantonese forces. It appears that the deciding factor in the battle was the arrival of ten aeroplanes from Canton who proceeded to bomb the Kwangsi troops.

5 YEARS AGO. May 25, 1934. Japanese garrison troops were moving towards Yutien and Tsoi this morning for the avowed purpose of holding manoeuvres there. For several days a number of motor lorries have been commandeered to take them into the interior. The Japanese military authorities declare there is no intention of interfering with the functions of the local Administration.

EUROPEAN CHARGED

Military Contract Mentioned

EDWARD DAVIES SYKES, a broker of 171 Sai Yee Street, Kowloon, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on the following charge:

That on March 7 and March 14 with intent to defraud, he obtained from the Reliance Motors Ltd. the sum of £1,250 and \$1,000 on account of commission that would have been due to him, by falsely pretending that a tender made by the Reliance Motors Ltd. to the military authorities for the hire of motor vehicles had been accepted by the military authorities, and that a contract for the hire of motor vehicles had been signed by the military authorities.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton appeared for the Crown. Defendant was represented by Mr. F. H. Loschy, and pleaded Not Guilty.

The case was remanded for a week. The afternoon of June 5 and June 6 have been provisionally fixed as the dates for hearing the case.

Sykes has been released on bail of \$3,000.

Enlargement Of Cabinet

London Newspaper's Forecasts

LONDON, May 24. THE ENLARGEMENT of the British Cabinet is confidently forecast in the near future by the "Daily Express" to-day, which says that the object is to "introduce new blood into the Government in order to increase the sources of specialised knowledge within the Cabinet, and to relieve Ministers at present overburdened with responsibility."

The paper, however, does not expect these changes to be made until the return of the King from Canada. Competent opinion holds that the Cabinet must be strengthened by the addition of new men with administrative experience.

Undoubtedly, says the "Express," Mr. Neville Chamberlain and other Ministers have been very much taxed by the continuing crises of the last two years.

The proposal under consideration is that a number of "Learner Ministers," forming a "Shadow Cabinet," should be admitted to the existing Cabinet, so that in an emergency they would be able to take over the functions of the Cabinet should gaps occur through natural, or other causes.—Trans-Ocean.

Wang's Latest Manoeuvres

May Try To Set Up New Government

SHANGHAI, May 24. THE possibility of Wang Ching-wei attempting to set up a new Chinese Government if Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek refuses to accept peace terms, is being discussed in Shanghai.

A close collaborator of Wang declared to-day that it was hoped Chiang Kai-shek would decide at the last moment to accept the terms for peace presented by Prince Konoye. Wang Ching-wei would see himself compelled to abandon his former passiveness.

What measures he would adopt were not revealed, but his numerous friends and collaborators in Shanghai state that he and his colleagues might attempt to set up a new Government.—Trans-Ocean.

CAR WORKERS STRIKE

DETROIT, May 24.—Over 70,000 automobile workers are idle as a result of a strike at the Briggs Manufacturing Company's plant, where a deadlock continues. It is estimated that 24,000 are members of the United Automobile Workers' organization.—Reuter.

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Ousting Our Shipping

Japanese Grip On N. China Ports

LONDON, May 24. REPLYING to questions in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Chamberlain said that Viscount Halifax had seen unofficial reports stating that a number of Japanese steamers and one German vessel had cleared from Tsingtao with direct cargo for Europe and North America during March, no mention being made of any clearances by British or American vessels.

Viscount Halifax, however, had no official confirmation of these reports. He regarded the proportion of Tsingtao shipments to Europe, formerly carried by British ships, the figures for 1935 and 1936 were approximately 30 and 22 per cent. The actual tonnage carried in 1936, however, showed some decrease on that of 1935.—Reuter.

H. K. Varsity Head's Speech

To Be Broadcast By Chungking

A speech recorded by Mr. D.J. Sloss, C.B.E., M.A., Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, when he recently visited Chungking, will be broadcast at 10 o'clock (Hongkong time) to-night by the Chungking station KCOX, operating on a wavelength of 25.21 metres, or 11.9 megacycles.

The speech will deal with the present situation in China. A record was made of it when Mr. Sloss recently visited Chungking to confer with the educational and relief authorities there. Mr. Sloss was present in the capital during the devastating air raid of May 12.

—Fox-Trot (film 'Champagne Waltz'); Roy Fox & His Orchestra; 1. Neander Lot Love Go Slipping through My Fingers (film 'It's love again'); Would You (film 'San Francisco'); Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra; With Plenty of Money And You—Fox-Trot (film 'Gold Diggers of 1937'); Let's Put Our Hands Together—Fox-Trot (film 'Gold Diggers of 1937'); Roy Fox & His Orchestra; The One Rose (Lyons & McIntyre); A Star Fell Out of Heaven (Gordon & Revel); Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra; Let's Call The Whole Thing Off—Fox-Trot (film 'Shall we Dance?'); The Can't Take That Away From Me—Fox-Trot (film 'Shall we Dance?'); Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

7.35 Tangos and Waltzes. Ich Liebe Dich, Waltz (Waldteufel, Op. 177); An Dich, Waltz (Waldteufel, Op. 100); Vienna Boheme Orchestra; La Palanada—Tango; So Lo Llovieron—Tango; Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Blues Danube Waltz (Strauss); Vienna Blood—Waltz (Strauss); De Groot and The Piccadilly Orchestra; Tu Sals—Tango; Jalousie—Tango; Xavier Cugat and His Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Bachmaninoff including his Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30.

Polichinelle.... Let Polichinoff (Piano); Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5; Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2.; Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler; Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30 by Vladimir Horowitz (Piano) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

8.50 Joseph Schmidt (Tenor) with the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

Stradella—Overture (von Plotowarr. Balfour)... Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey; Ach, So Fromm, Ach, Traut (Martha)—Plotow.... Joseph Schmidt and The Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schmalstieg.... (Sung in German); Dancer Of Seville (Grunow); The Two Imps (Alford)... Sir Dan Godfrey cond. the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra; La Danza (Rosini); L'Arletella (Biscardi)... Joseph Schmidt (Tenor) with Orch. (Sung in Italian).

9.15 London Relay—The News. 9.30 London Relay—World Affairs by E. Wickham Stead.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Two Cello Solos by Rudolf Detmann.

Czardas (Adolph Fischer); Papillon (David Popper)... with Piano accompaniment.

9.55 Verdi's "Aida" Acts III and IV. Singers in order of appearance: Maria Casparini; Trancardi Pasero; G. Arangi-Lombardi; Armando Borgioli; Aroldo Lindi; and full Chorus of La Scala Milan with Orchestra. 11.0 Close down.

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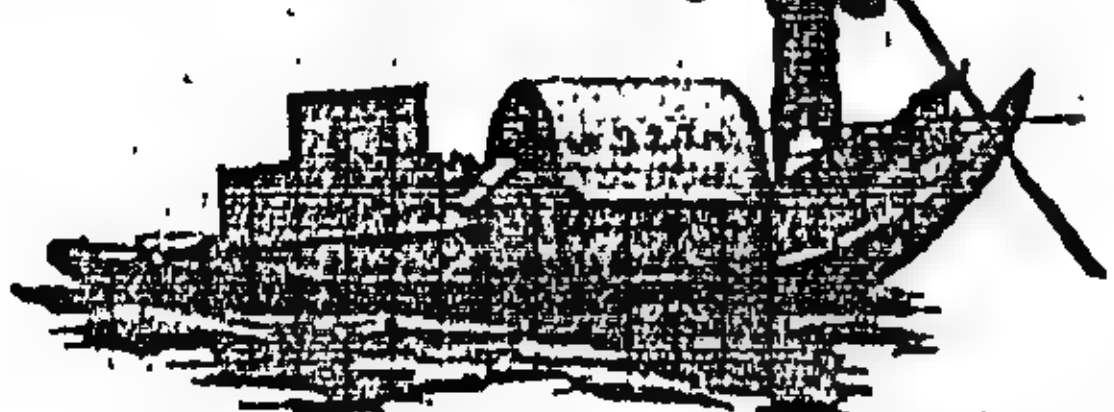
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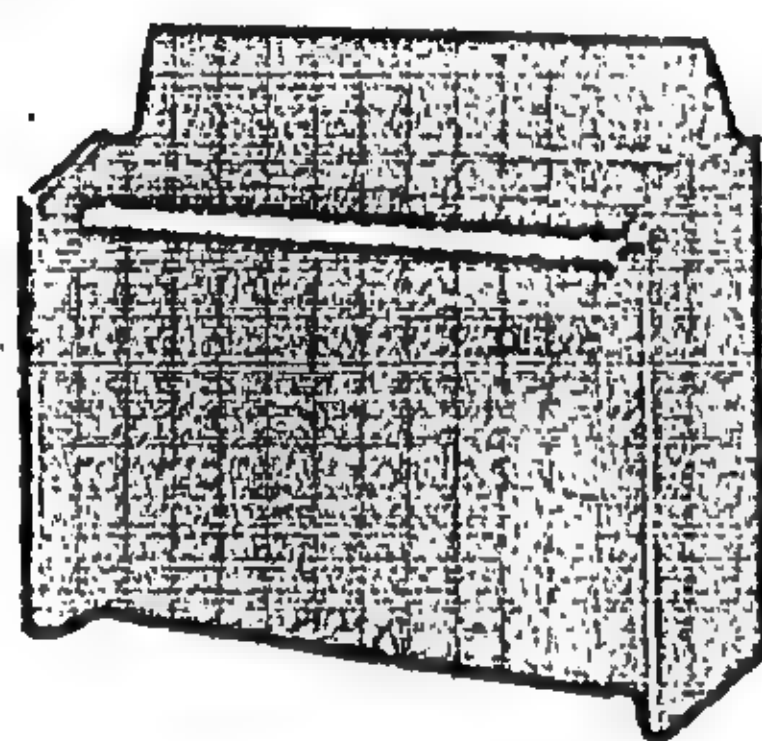
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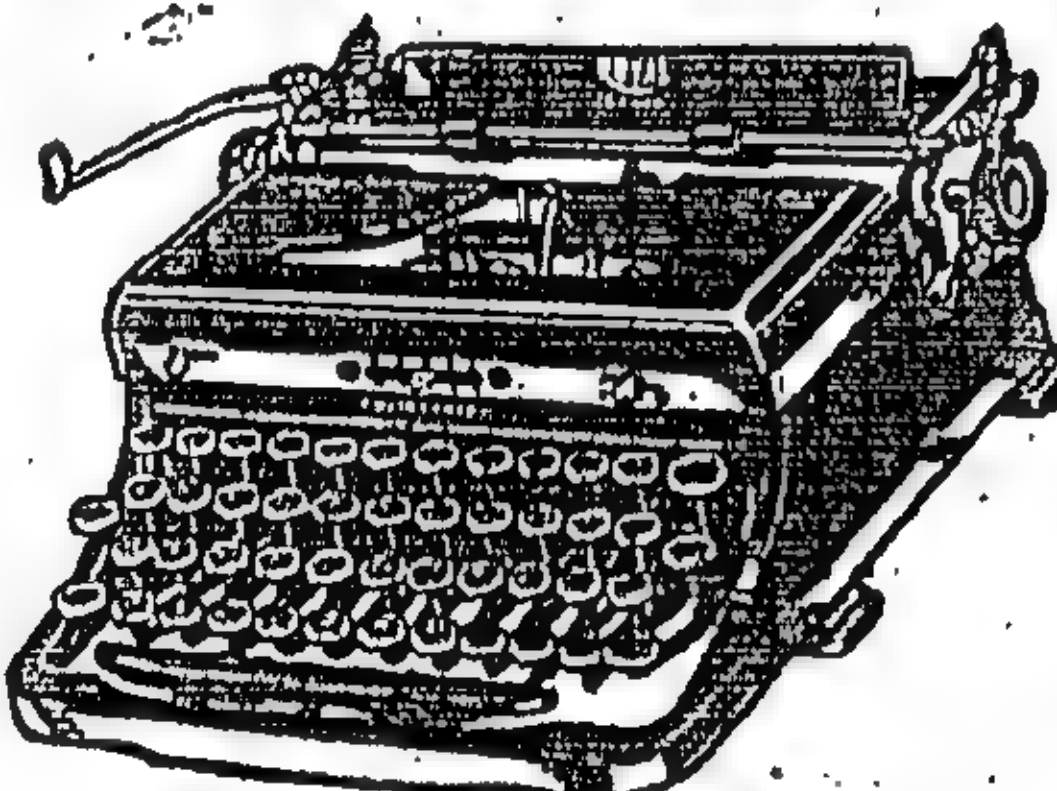
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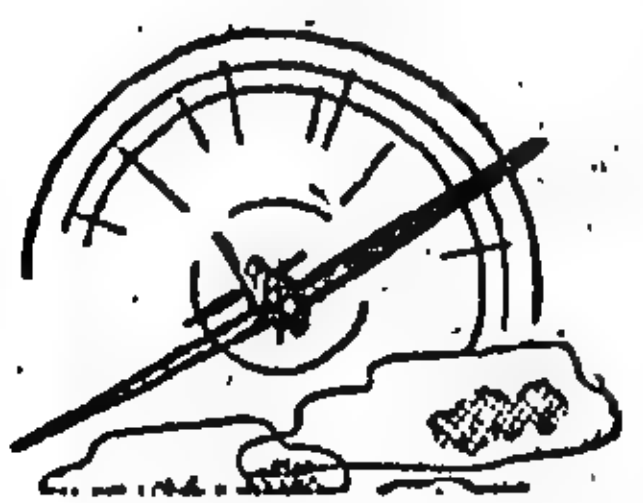
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General Elections

THESE RUMOURS of a general
election at Home are no idle
talk. The two teams, for and
against, face each other but the
referee has not given the signal.

Who is the referee? Mr.
Chamberlain, and he has not
spoken yet. He will decide, for he
is the man who will know best
when the circumstances are most
propitious for a Tory victory.

An immediate election is bound
to be tied up with the interna-
tional situation, and Mr. Chamber-
lain knows that situation better
than anyone else.

Now consider the arguments.
First, those put about by the
people who want an election soon.

For them, this is the Govern-
ment's moment of opportunity to
fight on their home ground. In-
ternationally, the war in Spain is
over, and that, however much we
doubt the significance of a Franco
victory, means a triumph for the
Premier's unbending policy of
non-intervention.

Meanwhile, Britain's defences
grow impressively strong, and the
voice of our Motherland can
again be heard in the world.

We have taken a stand against
aggression, and made popular
alliances with countries whom we
have sworn to protect.

There are others who are more
cautious. They argue it would be
foolish to rush England into a
general election now.

They ask on what point would
an election centre, and in reply
say the international scene, Mr.
Chamberlain's past record in
particular. And that means on
the policy of the Totalitarian
states.

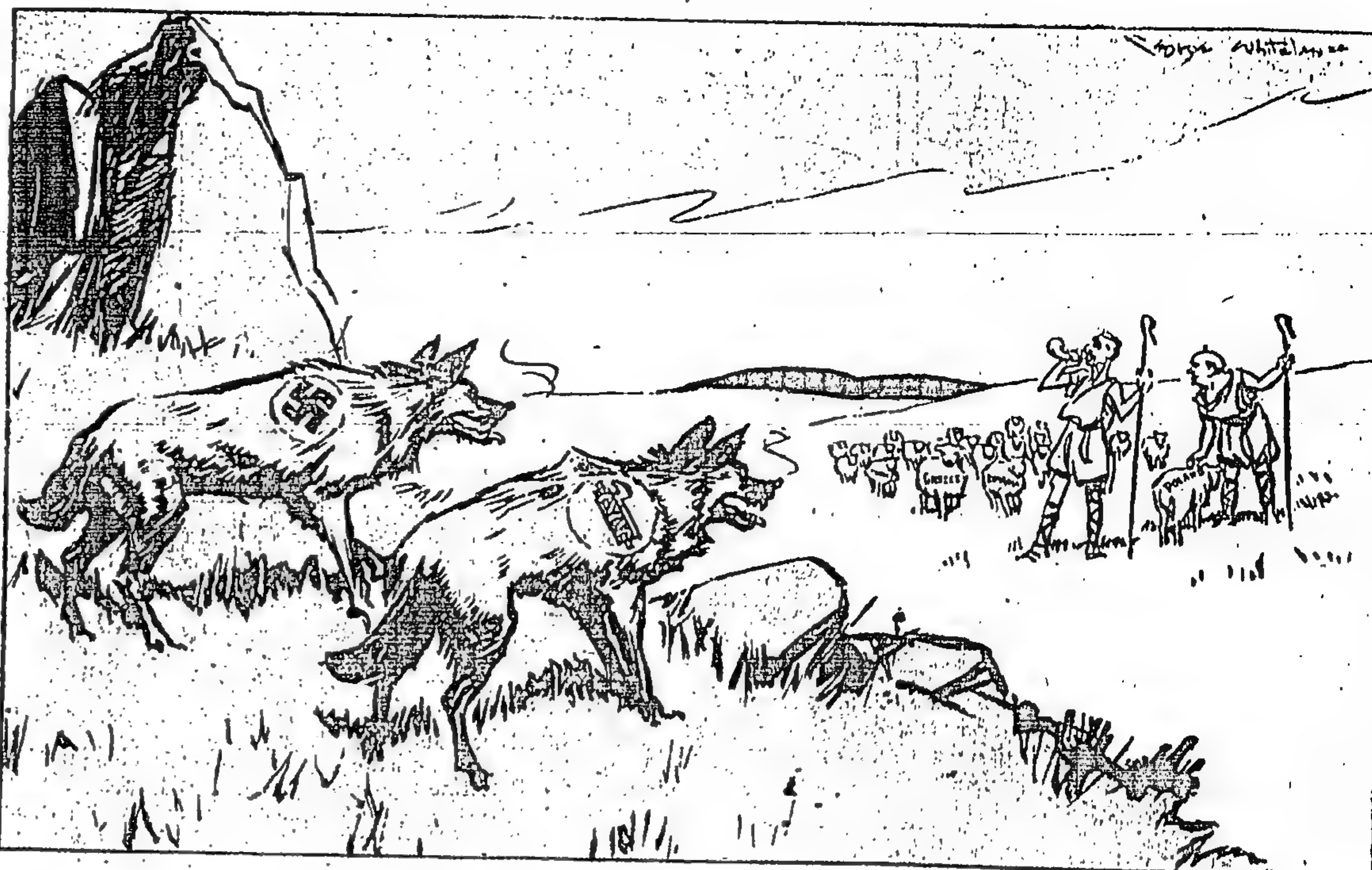
From Labour would come
showers of well-merited criticism
and another stirring up of inter-
national discussion.

Their second argument is also a
powerful one. Mr. Chamberlain's
policy did not prove at all popular
when three bye-elections were held
last week. One seat swung to
Labour and the Government's
majority in the other two was sadly
reduced.

Their last argument recalls
Napoleon's description of Engle-
men as a nation of shopkeepers, for
it turns on trade.

What a country struggling on the
upswing of trade needs, they say, is
internal peace, free from the alarms,
dislocations, and uncertainties of a
general election.

So hold your hand, they say, and
if you must have a general election,
well, leave it until early next year.
That is the sense of the arguments
on both sides. Only one thing
remains: whatever Mr. Chamberlain
decides, he cannot prolong a general
election beyond July next year, when
the life of the present Parliament
constitutionally expires.



THE WOLVES: "See, they are trying to encircle us!"

If the Axis
understands this,
it means Peace

by
W. N. EWER

ALL the face of Euro-
pean politics has
changed in these past
weeks. Whether that
makes a European war less or
more probable is not an easy
thing to judge.

For very largely that must
depend on the two Dictators;
on whether they appreciate
the change; on whether they
revise their calculations accord-
ingly.

So far their policy has been
based on quite simple reckonings.

There were certain matters over
which none of the other three
European Great Powers (Britain,
France, Russia) would, when it
came to the point, be ready to face
the abomination of a major war;
or, at any rate, over which no two
of them would be ready at the
same time.

Therefore, in any of these
matters either Fascist Power could
do pretty much as it chose with-
out serious risk. The only resis-
tance to be overcome would be that
of a minor Power—such as Austria
or Albania.

And, in fact, if the odds were
made obvious and overwhelming,
there would probably be no resistance
at all.

They borrowed and used the
maxim of Marshal Lyautey, the
French conqueror of Morocco—an
overwhelming display of force
makes the use of force unnecessary.

Czecho-Slovakia, faced by the
whole might of the German Army,
simply must give way. Albania,
defenceless against the Italian Air
Force, must surrender. Even if
they resisted, the "operation"
would be a comparatively minor
one.

The Abyssinian experience
showed that the machinery of col-
lective security would not work.
The will to work it was not there.
The League, as an instrument for
resisting aggression, died on the
day that sanctions were lifted.

From then on it was plain that
any great Power in Europe could
do anything it chose to any small
Power provided that no other
great Power would feel bound, in
its own interests, to interfere with
arms and readiness to use them.

Now Herr Hitler could feel
reasonably confident that, in this
respect, he could count on a free
hand in Central Europe.

He knew, despite occasional
guarded declarations (know, in-
deed, from the very fact that they
were so carefully guarded) that the
British Government, and a very
large and influential part of the
British people, did not regard any
change in Central Europe as
directly affecting British interests.
That had been so for centuries
past.

It was practically certain that
Great Britain would not deliver

ately decide on war for anything
or anybody in the centre of the
Continent.

Secondly, he knew that so long
as his objectives seemed to be
confined to "revision" of features
of the Versailles settlement, which
large sections of British opinion
regarded as unwise or unjust, there
would be little desire to interfere.

Thirdly, he knew that British
armaments were in a condition
which made it very improbable
that a British Government would
risk war.

So if he concentrated his activi-
ties on the little countries to the
east of Germany, he could count
with reasonable certainty on meet-
ing with no opposition from
England that would involve war.

And if England were unwilling,
France, he could be sure, would not
face a German war without her
partner. Nor, indeed, was France
herself likely to be precisely
enthusiastic about plunging into
war on a mid-European issue.

The French, indeed, had their
alliances; but France had always
thought rather of the Poles and
the Czechs as her allies in a
Franco-German conflict, than of
herself as bound to march to their
assistance.

Still, there were the alliances.
And because of them Hitler moved
warily and cleverly. He tried (not
unsuccessfully) to shake the
Franco-Polish alliance by separate
dealings with the Poles.

It was not until Czecho-Slovakia
had passed out of the French into
the German orbit and the alliance
had become a dead letter that he
passed to the final dismember-
ment and conquest of that un-
happy country. By taking two
bites at the Czech cherry he made
sure of French neutrality.

Lastly, there was Russia to be
considered.
Britain and France might shrink
from fighting to prevent German
expansion eastward, might even
feel relieved that the pressure was
being directed East instead of
West.

But would not Russia—the other
European Power—feel compelled to
check the initial stages of a drive
which, continued, must threaten
her own borders; of which, indeed,
the Ukraine was one of the avowed
objectives?

Here the calculation was three-

To-day's Thought—

THAT should be considered
long before it can be de-
cided but twice.

—PUBLIUS SYRUS.

(Famous Roman wit who was
once a slave.)

fold. First, that the accumulating
evidence of a strong isolationist
trend in Russian policy was re-
liable and that the Soviet Union
intended to defend its own
frontiers but not to let itself be
drawn into war unless they were
actually violated.

Second, that the condition of the
Soviet Army and Air Force was
such that, though immensely
strong for defence, they were not
capable of a large-scale offensive
beyond their own borders.

Third, that anti-Russian and
anti-Bolshevik feeling in the
East European States was so strong
they would be loath to see the
Red Army in their territory even
as an ally.

So, by and large, Herr Hitler
was able to calculate with fair
certainty that he could go adven-
turing in Austria and Czecho-
Slovakia and Memel without very
serious danger of European war.

The calculations then were
sound enough. But they are no
longer sound. A change has come
over the scene which makes them
no longer valid.

First, it has at last been borne
in on the minds of British and
French statesmen that the "Axis
Powers" are in quest of no limited
objectives, but are aiming at
nothing less than the domination
of the whole Continent and of its
seas.

Secondly, they have been forced
to realise that no reliance can be
placed on their assurances or on
any arrangements made with
them: that, like the "Tories" in
the 17th century epigram, they
"know no argument but force."

Thirdly, their activities are now
bringing them very near to
threatening areas which have
always been, and must always be,
regarded as areas of vital concern
to the British and French Empires.

Fourthly, the rapid pace of
British and French rearmament
has already changed the balance
of military power. It is now the
considered and very confident
judgment of those who know best
the condition of the British,
French, German and Italian forces
and "war-potentials" that though
war would undoubtedly be a very
horrible business, an Anglo-
French victory within fairly short
time would be a foregone con-
clusion.

So that whereas until now Herr
Hitler and Signor Mussolini have
been able to reckon with reason-
able surance on committing
aggressions without danger of
major war, they are now very near
to, or actually at, the point at
which new aggression means not
only danger, but something very
near certainty of a major war in
which they would be decisively
defeated.

If they draw, and act on, the
scabious conclusion, then Europe
will find peace again. If not,
then—

The most beautiful
will in the world

"All This
I Leave
To You"

A LONE, a man died in a
workhouse, and this will
was found in the pocket of his
ragged suit. By worldly stan-
dards he was poor, but when
you have absorbed the exquisite
beauty of his words and benefi-
ted from his deep and peaceful
philosophy, you too, will realise
just how rich this poor man
really was.

I CHARLES LOUNSBERRY, being
of sound and disposing mind
and memory, do hereby make and
publish this my last will and
testament in order to distribute
my interest in the world among
succeeding men.

That part of my interest which is
known in law as my property,
being inconsiderable and of no
account, I make no disposition of.
My right to live, being but a life
estate, is not at my disposal, but,
these things excepted, all else in
the world I now proceed to devise
and bequeath.

Item: I give to good fathers and
mothers, in trust for their child-
ren, all good little words of praise
and encouragement, and all quaint
pet names and endearments; and
I charge said parents to use them
justly, but generously as the deeds
of their children shall require.

Item: I leave to children, inclu-
sively but only for the term of
their childhood, all and every
flower of the field and the bloss-
oms of the woods, with the right
to play among them freely accord-
ing to the custom of children,
warning them at the same time
against thistles and thorns.

And I devise to children the banks
of the brooks and the golden sands
beneath the waters thereof, and
the odours of the willows that
dip therein, and the white clouds
that float high over giant trees.

And I leave the children so long,
in a thousand ways, and the night
and the train of the Milky Way to
wonder at, but subject, neverthe-
less, to the rights hereinafter given
to lovers.

Item: I devise to boys, jointly, all
the useful idle fields and commons,
where ball may be played, all
pleasant waters where one may
swim, all snow-cold hills where
one may coast, and all streams
and ponds where one may fish, or
where, when grim winter comes,
one may skate, to hold the same
for the period of their boyhood.
And all meadows, with the clover
blossoms and butterflies thereof;
the woods with their beauty; the
squirrels and the birds; and the
cuckoo and the hawthorn, the sweet
strains of music, and all other
distant places, which may be ob-
tained together with the adventures
there found.

And I give to said boys each his own
place at the fireside at night, with
all pictures that may be seen in
the burning wood, to enjoy with-
out let or hindrance or without
any encumbrance or care.

Item: To lovers, I devise their
imaginary world, with whatever
they may need, as the stars of the
sky, the red roses by the wall, the
bloom of the hawthorn, the sweet
strains of music, and all other
things they may desire to figure to
each other, the loveliness and beauty
of their love.

Item: To young men jointly I be-
queath all the boldest, inspiring
sports of history, and I give to
PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

HONGKONG SHIPPING TAIPAN URGES GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY

Battleships For Dutch E.I. Urged

HAAGUE, May 24.
AN increase by three battleships in the Netherlands East Indies fleet in view of the Japanese naval expansion, was urged in the Senate to-day by Professor Lohman, leader of the Christian Historical Group.

Professor Lohman said that the reinforcement of the East Indies fleet was important for Australia. He declared that the British were paying £14 per head for defence, while the Dutch were paying only one-fifth of that amount, and could well afford to pay more.—*Reuter*.

German Trade Decline April Figures Are Illuminating

BERLIN, May 24.
THE German foreign trade import for April reveals a sharp decline as compared with March, imports having dropped from 513 million marks in March to 302.6 million marks in April, and the exports from 489.5 million marks to 437.7 million marks.

An export surplus of 35.1 million marks was achieved in April. The statistics show the situation as more unfavourable than it really is, because figures for April no longer include the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia or Memel among the foreign countries.

The Reich Bureau of Statistics attributes the decline to the period of the year, the imports from European countries decreased from 311 million marks in March to 231 million in April, while those from overseas fell from 301 million marks in March, to 236 million in April.

Exports to European countries declined from 352 million marks in March to 300 million in April, while those to overseas countries dropped from 137 million to 138 million.

Imports from Great Britain declined by 5.7 million marks, the exports to Great Britain dropping by the same amount. Imports from Holland were down 3.3 million marks, from the Union of South Africa 3.8 million, from Rhodesia 1.1 million, from the British East Indies 2.1 million, from Dutch East Indies 2.0 million and from America by 11.4 million marks.

German exports to Holland dropped by 5.1 million, to the British East Indies by 6.4 million, to Dutch East Indies by one million marks. The exports to Afghanistan increased 2.9 million and to America by 4.1 million marks.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Malaya's Generosity Acclaimed

London, May 24.
Referring at question time in the House of Commons to the Malaya States Federal Council's offer of \$4,000,000 towards the cost of general defence in the Empire, and the decision of the Sultan and Government of Kelantan to give \$100,000, and the Rajah and State Council of Perlis to give \$25,000, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald said that he had asked the High Commissioner to convey to their Highnesses and rulers of the States and the Federated Council, His Majesty's Government's warm appreciation of these generous gifts, and of the signal expression of their practical co-operation in consolidating the security of the Empire.—*Reuter*.

"ALL THIS I LEAVE TO YOU"

(Continued from Page 6.)

then, the disclaim of weakness, and undoubted confidence in their own strength.

I leave to them the power to make lasting friendships and of possessing companions; and to them, exclusively, I give all merry songs and choruses to sing with lusty voice.

Item: And to those who are no longer children or youths, or bachelors, I leave memory, and bequeath to them the volumes of poems of Burns and Shakespeare and other poets, if there be others, to the end that they may live the old days over again freely and fully without the loss of anything.

Item: To the I bequeath the happiness of the old age, the love and gratitude of their children, until they fall asleep.

Depressing Yangtse Outlook For British Companies

THE HOPE that Government assistance would be forthcoming to enable British shipping companies to compete on equal terms with those competing concerns in receipt of Government subsidies, was expressed by Mr. D. F. Landale at the 48th ordinary general meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company this morning.

He also made references to the innumerable restrictions experienced by shipping along the China coast during the past year, and said, referring to the conditions on the Yangtze, that the situation was most unsatisfactory, and he could see no prospect of a settlement in the near future.

The meeting was held in the office of the General Managers of the Company, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., and in addressing the shareholders, Mr. Landale said:

I do not propose to say anything about the political situation and intend to confine myself to a brief survey of the Company's activities. Our Coasters maintained a regular service calling at all open China Coast Ports during the year. This service was later extended to Haiphong on the full of Canton.

Trade on the Coast throughout the year has been fraught with difficulties, nearly all the ports up and down the Coast came into the zone of hostilities which brought with them innumerable restrictions both on shipping and the movement of cargo generally. The volume was consequently far below normal but, as considerable tonnage was withdrawn from the Coast as a result of hostilities, there was enough cargo to keep ships that remained employed. Our new ships with their better passenger accommodation proved most popular.

It is needless for me to enlarge on the situation on the Yangtze. The developments leading up to the complete closure have been front page news. I feel, however, that I ought to stress that we have a valuable fleet and floating property together with a large number of personnel based on the Yangtze which to-day are earning little or no freight. The situation is most unsatisfactory but I regret to say I see no prospect of a settlement in the near future. We are most grateful for the sympathetic assistance we have received from I.B.M.'s Embassies' officials both in China and Japan, and we can only hope that in time their efforts on our behalf will bear fruit.

Our River fleet met with one unfortunate accident when the s.s. Klawo struck a reef on the Upper Yangtze and had to be beached. I refer to this later on.

Owing to conditions in South China, exports of timber from Hong Kong had to be reduced and to assist shippers we were obliged to lower rates so that results were necessarily disappointing. One of our vessels engaged in this trade is very old, and we are now considering replacing her.

On the Calcutta Line the improvement during the period under review, falling in in exports from Japan was very marked. Restrictions on emigrants to the Straits are still in force, and, with the natural disinclination of native passengers to return to China in these disturbed times, earnings from that source were below normal. To maintain important connections the "Island" was again chartered for the half year.

ONE MAJOR CASUALTY

The Klawo, as I have already mentioned, was our only major casualty during the year. She grounded on a reef in the Upper Yangtze on September 26 and for a while it was feared she might be a constructive total loss on account of the difficulty of obtaining salvage assistance, cut off as she was from the outside world. Time was also an urgent factor, as at certain levels the River becomes a raging torrent and no vessel could survive floating off into the main stream. I am glad to say, however, that the vessel was safely launched on 15th instant, arrived at Ichang four days later, where she will have to lie up until allowed to proceed to Shanghai for permanent repairs.

In times such as these the Directors and General Managers recognise that the Floating Staff have shouldered heavy responsibilities and we are most appreciative of the loyal support and assistance we have received throughout the very trying conditions that have at times existed on the Coast and in the River.

The Directors and General Managers must also record their grateful thanks for the great assistance and co-operation of the Royal Navy. These sentiments have been expressed so often from this Chair as to become almost commonplace, but I hasten to assure you that without their help our problems, although difficult of solution, would have been many times more so. We are constantly appealing for their help and it is always readily given. This is hardly the time or the place to go into details, but we stand heavily on their debt.

The last year reference was made to the two new Coasters, Wingsang and Taisang, also the small Upper Yangtze steamer Liao, which were contracted for. In 1938, these three vessels were put into commission during the year and have given complete satisfaction in every way. No new tonnage was contracted for during the year but as has been said

at previous General Meetings of the Company, further tonnage is still urgently needed to replace old vessels and maintain important connections without recourse to chartering, which is an expensive method. The problem has been a very pressing one to your Directors and General Managers for many years and when a favourable opportunity presented itself last year they decided to acquire four modern cargo and passenger vessels, all sister ships, built specially for the China Coast in the United Kingdom in 1934. These vessels, re-named Esang, Wosang, Yusang and Mingsang, are eminently suitable for the Company's requirements and, with the Taisang, built for us in 1935, and the new Taisang and Wingsang, provide a fast and regular service up and down the Coast which has become very popular both with passengers and shippers. The modernization of our Coasters has been reflected in increased earnings and I am confident the recent acquisitions will prove valuable additions to the Fleet. Finance for the purchase of these ships was arranged by the General Managers and is shown in the Accounts. Even with these recent acquisitions our need for further tonnage, to replace old units, is still a very pressing one.

This need is having the earnest consideration of your Directors in conjunction with the General Managers.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

You have no doubt seen references in the Press to the report of the Imperial Shipping Committee on "British Shipping in the Orient." This Committee has gone very deeply into the difficulties confronting companies such as ours and has made a strong case for Government assistance. How much help we can expect or what form it will take I cannot say at present, but the matter is being enquired into. For many years we have had to face competitors in receipt of Government subsidies and other assistance and as this competition is expected to be intensified in future we can only hope that we will be given such assistance that we will be able to compete on level terms.

Not unconnected with this is the fact that British shipping in the Far East has to contend with a more stringent application of certain international regulations than are applied to our foreign competitors. The times are too difficult to attempt to prophesy as to the future. I can only tell you that after our long experience in China, we are still confident that ways and means to trade will be found and I can assure you, gentlemen, that we are to-day better equipped than ever before to give our supporters that service we aim at on the Coast.

Negotiations between the Japanese Government and the Powers concerned for the re-opening of the Yangtze and Pearl Rivers to foreign shipping are still being conducted and being sub-judice, as it were, I prefer to say no more than to express a hope that these waterways will soon be opened again to legitimate trade.

NO COMPENSATION YET

You were informed last year of the destruction of the Tuckwo and the Huk Madras II at Wuhu by Japanese aerial action, in which other vessels also suffered. Apologies and acknowledgments of responsibility were immediately forthcoming and it was confidently expected that compensation would follow in due course. It did so I understand in the case of the British and American gunboats, also the American Merchantmen sunk about the same time, but I regret that British commercial claims, including ours, are still outstanding though His Majesty's Government continue to press for a settlement. I trust that this will soon be arranged.

Turning to the Statement of Accounts before you, you will notice that the net balance of Steamers' Working Account amounts to £238,343 7s. 8d. which is some £17,500 better than the previous year. In view of the political tension in Europe, with its possible reactions in the Far East, together with the gradual closing of the China Coast to traffic both physically and financially, and the situation on the Yangtze, your Directors feel they cannot prudently recommend the payment of more than the Preference Dividend for 1938. In times such as these, therefore, when we are passing it through which we are passing it through, it is necessary for me to stress the importance of Companies having as much as possible up to windward. We are in troubled seas and we need all the strength and reserve available until we can see more clearly ahead so, after very mature consideration, they decided it was prudent to write off an additional sum of £118,000 of depreciation in respect of the new tonnage that was acquired during the

Dodging The Issue

Foreign Powers And Shanghai Status

Tokyo, May 25.
A spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office last night described the present abnormal conditions precluded any change in the status or administrative framework of the International Settlement in Shanghai, as an "attempt to dodge the issue."

The navy would enforce the suspension of junk traffic between Kiangsu and the mainland of China from 6 p.m. on Thursday.

The Japanese Consul-General at Amoy had informed the foreign consular body and the Municipal Council of this step.

According to "Domei," infringement of the suspension will involve heavy penalties.—*Reuter*.

HOME TORIES PLEASED

London, May 24.
Members of the China Committee of the Conservative Foreign Affairs Committee met this evening and expressed themselves pleased with the firm action taken at Kiangsu.

They expressed the hope that that similar firm action would be taken in like circumstances elsewhere.

The sub-committee considered the general situation in China, especially the position with regard to the British Concession in Tientsin, the interference with navigation on the Yangtze, the landing at Kiangsu, and the repeated threats of Japanese action in Shanghai.

The members were fully aware of the gravity of the situation, and they will continue to watch matters closely, and to use all their influence on behalf of British interests in China, it was stated.—*Reuter*.

PLAN TO REGAIN COLONIES

ROME, May 24.
Reliable sources here to-day said that the Italian Foreign Minister has given Mussolini a plan for immediate and co-ordinated Italo-German action to achieve their European and African revisionist claims.

It is reported that Count Ciano also carried a message from Hitler and his foreign minister concerning his demands to England and France.—*United Press*.

ALLIANCE PACT NOT INCONSISTENT

London, May 24.
The Prime Minister stated in the House of Commons that from the published text of the Italo-German agreement signed on Monday, there did not seem to be any provision that could be held inconsistent with Italy's obligations under the declaration of January 2, 1937, which was reaffirmed in the Anglo-Italian agreement of April 16, 1938.—*British Wireless*.

ITALIAN ARMAMENTS IN SPAIN

London, May 24.
The Premier replied in the affirmative when asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he was satisfied that Italian armaments were now to be withdrawn from Spain.

Asked whether it was aware that the "Popolo d'Italia" had stated that the Italian Government was not going to withdraw armaments, and whether this was not a violation of the Anglo-Italian treaty, Mr. Chamberlain said he had not seen the statement.

Asked by Mr. W. Benn whether he realised the great difficulty of the House when it accepted a statement from the Premier which subsequently turned out, though not through his fault, to be misleading, Mr. Chamberlain replied:

"I give the best information in my possession. I can do no better."—*Reuter Special*.

year to bring the value of these new ships down to a figure that it is hoped will prove economical in less good years. This brings the total depreciation of the fleet to £101,243 7s. 8d. They also recommended the transfer to General Reserve of £70,000, and the transfer of £10,000 to Special Repairs and Renewals, and to carry forward a balance of £220,000. The Directors have again valued their fleet, amounting to £1,500,000.

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Holland Will Leave The League, If—

HAAGUE, May 24.
Commenting on the statements made by M. Bonnet and Viscount Halifax at the League Council meeting in Geneva, the "Hollandsche Courant" to-day utters a clear warning to the Western Powers that any attempt on their part to convert the League of Nations into a bloc against the Axis Powers would leave Holland and other neutral States no alternative but to resign from the League.

The paper declares that the statements which the British and French Ministers made at Geneva have been received with considerable surprise in a number of countries.

It appeared that the bloc of States which was now being created under British leadership was at present endeavouring to include the neutral States with the help of the League of Nations.

It was this new kind of solidarity, which the neutral States were anxious to avoid.—*Trans-Ocean*.

GERMAN CONSUL IS ACCUSED

Alleged Complicity In Espionage

LONDON, May 24.
AS a sequel to allegations made by the prosecution that the German Consul at Liverpool acted as an intermediary for the German Secret Service, Mr. Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons to-day that it was not entirely clear as to what extent the Consul himself was involved in the affair, and the matter was still under active consideration.

The case concerned a man named Joseph Kelly, a bricklayer and employee of the new Royal Ordnance factory at Euxton, Lancashire, who was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude at Manchester last week on charges of stealing two plans of the factory, which might be useful to an enemy. It was stated that he intended to sell them to the German Secret Service.

Mr. Noel Baker asked the Premier to take up the question with the German Government, and to ask for the removal of the Consul responsible.

Mr. Chamberlain: I am not going to say what action the Government will take. We must first find out what are the facts.—*Reuter Special*.

UPROAR IN COMMONS Fears Recognition Of Nazi Conquest

LONDON, May 24.
QUESTIONED regarding the representation of British interests in Bohemia and Moravia, Mr. Chamberlain stated that on the departure of the British Charge d'Affaires from Prague on May 25, British interests would be temporarily left in the charge of the vice-Consul.

The question of future representation of the British Government at Prague, and its bearing on recognition, was being considered, and he hoped to be in a position to make a statement very shortly.

Replying to questions on Czech assets, the Prime Minister said that the informal discussions which had taken place on this subject did not imply a de facto recognition of the new status of Bohemia and Moravia.

"Another Munich"

Mr. Sandys asked for an assurance that there would be no de facto recognition without the House being first consulted.

The Premier declared that he could not give the assurance, and this remark was greeted with loud opposition protests and cries of "Another Munich."

Mr. Attlee asked: "Are we to understand that the Government is contemplating giving political recognition to the present state of Czechoslovakia?"

The Premier: "No, I did not say that. I said I cannot give an assurance, because it is not usual to give an assurance of that kind."

Mr. Attlee gave notice that owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the Premier's replies, he would raise the matter on the adjournment on Friday.—*Reuter*.

Miaja In Mexico

Mexico City, May 24.—General Miaja, former leader of the Spanish Republican forces in Madrid, arrived at Vera Cruz this afternoon aboard the British steamer Orizaba.—*Trans-Ocean*.

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BLUE PETER'S WIN COST BOOKMAKERS £1,000,000

LORD ROSEBERY SCORES FIRST SUCCESS: FAMILY TRADITION CONTINUED

London, May 24.

Half a million spectators, including Their Royal Highnesses, the Dukes and Duchesses of Gloucester and Kent, were present at Epsom to-day, which was one of the hottest Derby days in years.

Blue Peter, starting favourite, scored a surprisingly easy victory. The horse shot out to the front two and a half furlongs from home, after which the result was never in doubt. This was Lord Rosebery's first Derby win. He thus continues the family tradition, his father having won the event with Ladie in 1899, Sir Visto in 1905 and Cleo in 1906, and his grandfather was successful with Favonius in 1871 when the race was last run on May 24.

The jockey, Ephraim Smith, and the trainer, Jack Jarvis, also scored their first Derby victories. Jarvis was always confident that he would achieve his life's ambition with Blue Peter, who followed up his win in the Two Thousand Guineas.

Blue Peter covered the one and a half miles in 2 mins. 36.4 secs. The Derby once again eluded the champion jockey, Gordon Richards, who made an unavailing and desperate dash on Fox Cub.

Hypnotist, owned by the American, Mr. William Woodward, who won the Kentucky Derby a fortnight ago, was heavily backed and was second favourite at 5-1. He finished seventh.

It is estimated that Blue Peter's win has cost bookmakers about £1,000,000. It is also estimated that the totalisator investments amounted to £20,000.—*Reuter's Special.*

FLASHED TO WORLD

BLUE PETER HAD RACE IN HAND

The Derby run at Epsom to-day resulted in a triumph for Lord Rosebery, his horse, which was the favourite, winning by four lengths from the second favourite, ridden by the champion jockey, Result.

Blue Peter (E. Smith) 1
Fox Cub (Gordon Richards) 2
Hypnotist (Perryman) 3

The weather was not sunny for the race. Twenty-seven ran. The betting on Blue Peter was 7-2, on Mr. Edward Esmond's Fox Cub 100-9, and on Lord Derby's Hypnotist 100-9. Three lengths separated second and third. Also ran: Triguero (Burns), Vesperian (Elliot), Romeo II (Brethes), Hastings (Jones), Admiral's Walk (Harry Wragg), Dhoni (Smirke), Maunakea (Beary), Fair Chance (Rickaby), Fairfax (Lowrey), Major Brackley (Simpson), King's Legend (Carrlake), Buxton (Stephenson), Rogerstone Castle (Marshall), Atout Maitre (Sibbritt), Casanova (Nevett).

Hypnotist (Beasley), Ortiz (Lane), Dillbarr (Bartlam), Fairstone (Cliff Richards), Wheatland (Taylor), Bellman (Smyth), Wragg, Larchfield (Sprague), Pointis (D. Smith), Salford II (Herve).—*Reuter.*

United Press adds that a crowd of 350,000 watched the running of the 160th English Derby.

Race Described

London, May 24. The horses got away to a good start, except Bellman and Fair Chance, who got slowly into stride. Hypnotist sprinted into the lead from Rogerstone Castle, Dhoni, Major Brackley, Fairfax and Wheatland.

Hypnotist and Blue Peter were in the middle of the field, and on the outside was Larchfield, which took the lead after three furlongs from Wheatland, Hypnotist, Buxton and Hastings.

Blue Peter, running eighth or ninth, followed Hypnotist. A large field was still in front of Hypnotist and Wheatland at the top of the hill. Blue Peter was now making ground rapidly, just behind Rogerstone Castle and Fairfax, with Fair Chance a long way behind.

Blue Peter was still going up steadily, approaching Tottenham Corner, and at the turn for home had taken second place to Larchfield. Rogerstone Castle was third, just in front of Casanova, Hypnotist and Hypnotist.

Wras Comfortably. A hundred yards after the turn Hypnotist and Blue Peter disputed the lead, with Hypnotist and Atout Maitre, with Fox Cub showing up prominently on the outside. Blue Peter took the lead two and a half furlongs from home, followed by Casanova, Fox Cub and Hypnotist.

Fox Cub passed Hypnotist and looked likely to overhaul Blue Peter, until Smith used his whip. Blue Peter then shot forward again and won comfortably. Casanova was fourth, Buxton fifth, Admiral's Walk sixth, Hypnotist seventh, Pointis eighth, Ortiz ninth, Fairstone tenth, Fair Chance eleventh and Salford last.

The time was 2 minutes 36.4/5 seconds.

Welterweight Title Fight

London, May 24. The most expensive welterweight contest ever staged takes place at Harringay Stadium to-morrow when Henry Armstrong defends the world title against the British champion, Ernle Roderick of Liverpool.

The purse is £10,000, of which Armstrong will receive £2,500. Ringside seats are 10 guineas each, a record price for a welterweight fight.

Armstrong will concede nearly a stone. He has won 61 of his 103 fights by knockout. The question is whether Roderick's stylish left is good enough to keep out the non-stop puncher.—*Reuter Special.*

Lion's Share Again To United States

Dublin, May 24.

Nine first prizes in the Irish Sweepstakes on the Derby, each worth £30,000, were distributed as follows:

Three to Canada; two to United States; two to Europe and two to Ireland.

Nine second prizes of £15,000 each were distributed as follows:

Five to United States; two to Europe and two to Canada.

Nine third prizes of £10,000 each were distributed as follows:

Five to United States; two to Europe and two to India.—*International Press Bureau.*

Bowls Rinks Chosen For Week's Games

The following players have been selected for the various clubs in the Lawn Bowls League matches to be played on Saturday:

Indian R.C. (v. Craigengower C.C. away).—Hossein, S. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Mimi and A. E. Mimi (skip); D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah (skip); A. H. Rumjahn, A. Bakar, A. O. Madar and M. R. Abbas (skip).

CRAIGENGOWER C. C. First Div. v. Indians (Home).—J. W. Leonard, K. M. Omar, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip); A. M. Omar, W. Ward, J. S. Landolt, U. M. Omar (skip); A. A. Razack, U. C. R. Souza, C. S. Roselle, R. Basa (skip).

Second Div. v. Kowloon Tong (Away).—J. H. Xavier, E. McNay, H. W. Randall, M. A. R. Souza (skip);

A. J. Coelho, E. Zimmern, M. J. Medina, J. Cavanagh (skip); W. J. Penny, M. P. Karanjia, T. Locke, W. K. Way (skip).

Third Div. v. H.K.F.C. (Away).—S. R. Solina, Van der Lely, A. B. Hamson, G. Ladd (skip); L. Gaddi, F. Petersen, Dr. C. W. Lam, John Piu (skip); John P. Lee, E. Kerrison, G. A. Payne, W. McNeill (skip).

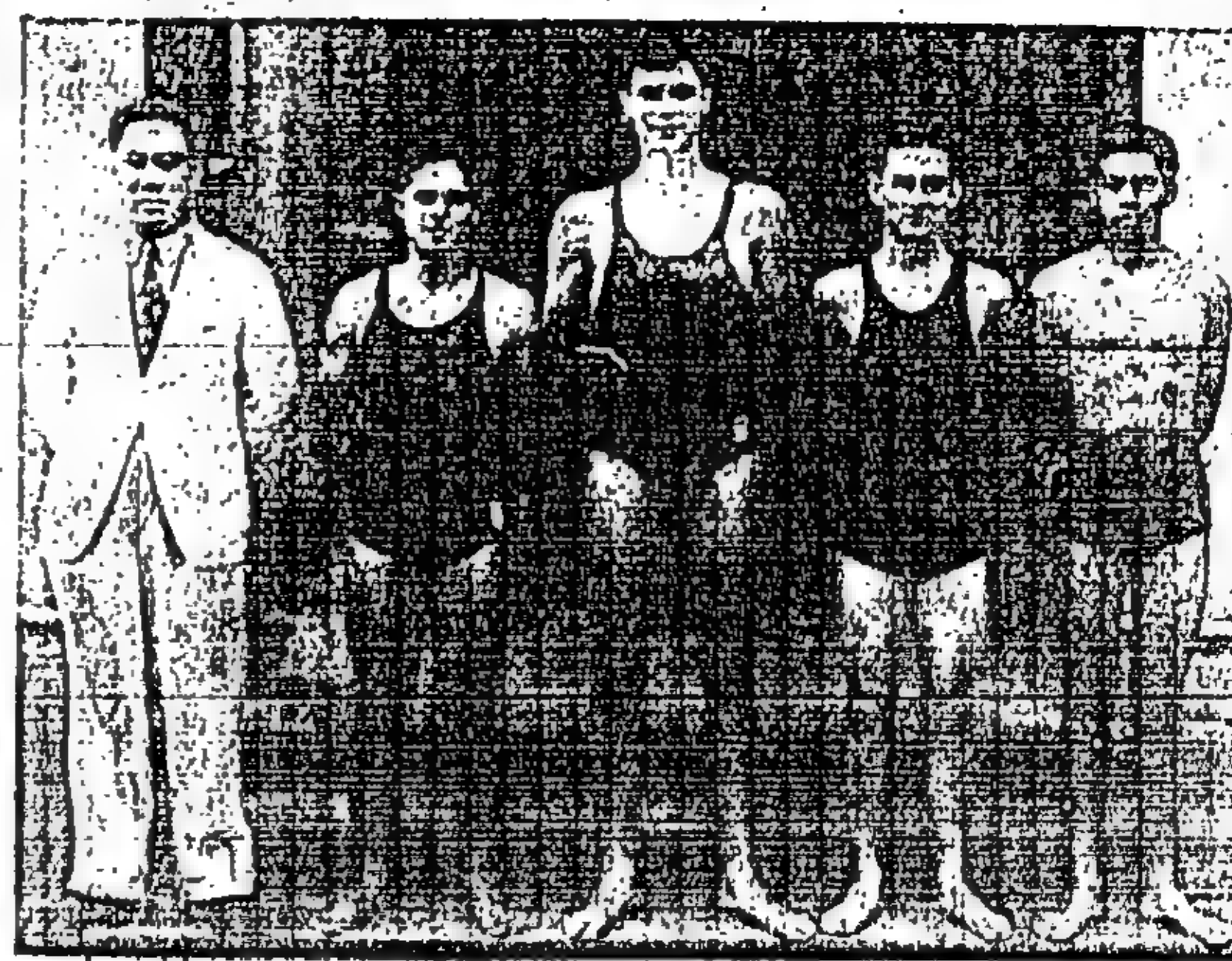
CLUB DE RECREIO First Div. "A" (Away) v. K.C.C.—C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro, L. J. Silva, F. X. M. Silva (skip); J. Luz, A. P. Gutierrez, R. F. Luz, H. A. Alves (skip); L. F. Xavier, C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha, C. G. Silva (skip).

"B" (Away) v. C.S.C.C.—C. Vas, D. C. Alves, C. R. Pereira, B. Basto (skip); C. C. Pereira, A. M. Xavier, A. A. Remedios, F. X. Soares (skip); F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, F. V. V. Ribeiro, J. J. Basto (skip).

Third Div. (Home) v. R.H.K.Y.C.—M. F. Alencar, A. Rodrigues, J. B. Soares, C. P. Remedios (skip); L. Leon, F. X. Gutierrez, A. F. Noronha, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); J. A. Remedios, M. Gutierrez, F. A. Xavier, C. A. Lopes (skip).

R.H.K. YACHT CLUB

Third Div. v. Recreio (Away).—G. H. Bond, J. Owen Hughes, A. Nissim, A. W. Brown (skip); W. A. Cornell, D. Humphrey, P. E. Cashy, G. E. Costello (skip); L. T. Hansen, L. E. N. Ryan, A. S. Mitchell, B. E. Maughan (skip).



The swimming team of the Diocesan Boys' School photographed recently with their swimming master.—King's Studio.

England Beat Rumania In Soccer Encounter Before Record Crowd

Bucharest, May 24.

In the soccer match played here to-day, England beat Rumania by two goals to nil after leading by a goal at half-time.

Scottish Team Wins Game In Canada

Montreal, May 17.

The Scottish F. A. XI opened their Canadian tour here to-day by scoring an overwhelming victory over the Montreal XI. They won by nine goals to nothing.—*Reuter.*

Perry, Vines, Budge Will Visit India

Madras, May 19.

Fred Perry, Donald Budge and Ellsworth Vines, the professional lawn tennis players and former Wimbledon champions, are to visit India where they will make a tour of most of the big towns, it is reported here.

Jack Harris, who managed the Budge-Vines tour of the United States, has accepted the proposal of the Yuvarajah of Pithapuram, who has undertaken the promotion of the tour. November of this year is the time suggested.

Harris will accompany the team as manager, and one other well-known professional will bring the party up to five.

GUESTS OF POTENTATE

The Yuvarajah has asked Kunwat Sir Dolly Singh, president of The All India Lawn Tennis Association, for the permission of the Association to conduct the tour on his own responsibility. While in Madras, the players will be the guests of the Yuvarajah.

Perry, Budge and Vines are also expected to tour Australia in February and March next year. The Australian L. T. A. has given its official sanction to the tour and terms have been agreed upon.—*Reuter.*

Forty thousand spectators—a record for Rumania—saw the match.

England revealed fine combination and were easily the better side, though Goulden was fortunate to score the first goal eight minutes from the start when the Rumanian right back was forced to play on the wing through an injury.

Conditions were more favourable to England than in most continental matches. The weather was overcast and the pitch was in good condition. The game became a little rough in the second half when the Englishmen's robust style rather upset the Rumanians.

Welsh scored England's second goal in the eighth minute after the interval.

England had numerous chances to score but seemed content with the lead.—*Reuter.*

Gland Query Raised In Parliament

The subject of gland treatment for footballers was raised in Parliament recently when Mr. A. M. Lyons (Con., East Leicester) asked the Minister of Health whether he was aware that gland extracts from animals were being administered to football players, and whether he would order an investigation into this practice, with a view to ascertaining its effect and repercussions on national health.

Mr. Walter Elliot said he had no first-hand information, but the gland extracts were included in the British Pharmacopoeia, and if, as he understood, they were administered under medical supervision he did not think any special investigation was necessary.

Laughter was caused when Mr. E. Shawwell (Sec., Seaham) asked would not these gland extracts be administered to members of the Cabinet.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib., Wolverhampton East) suggested that the treatment was perfectly innocuous, and had been administered with benefit for resistance against disease. The football clubs would welcome any inquiry.

At this a member shouted: "Good old Wolverhampton Wanderers."

CAMBRIDGE CREW TO GO ON TOUR

Cambridge University Boat Club are sending a crew of four to South Africa in the summer vacation, to meet the more celebrated of South African clubs in local regattas at Johannesburg, Durban, East London, and Cape Town, during August.

The crew will consist of Alan Burroughs (Jesus) bow; No. 2 J. I. L. Savill (Jesus) the president-elect of the C.U.B.C.; No. 3, M. Buxton (Trinity); who is to be the new secretary; and C. B. Sanford (Trinity Hall), stroke.

Cambridge are not taking a coxswain with them, but one will be borrowed when they arrive in South Africa, as will boats, oars, and training craft.

They are due at Johannesburg on July 29, and the first of the regattas is to be held on the Vanl Rivers on August 5, when they race against South African Universities.

The final regatta is to be held at Cape Town on August 24, where a crew representative of the Western Province will be met.

CHAMPION BEATEN IN BRITISH GOLF AMATEUR TOURNEY

Charles Yates Eliminated By Chapman, Countryman

London, May 24.

The outstanding feature of to-day's play in the British Amateur Golf Championship now being played at Hoylake was the defeat of Charles Yates, the American holder of the title, by a fellow-American, Dick Chapman, who yesterday eliminated M. W. Budd, the former All-China champion.

Chapman won the encounter—the first All-American match of the tournament—by four and three.

Chapman was almost faultless in this third round tie and was two up at the end of nine holes, where Yates himself was four above par.

Yates lost the match through poor putting.

As the result of his victory, Chapman has become favourite to reach the finals.—*United Press.*

Vines Wins And Then Was Beaten

London, May 24. In the second round, the professional tennis star, Ellsworth Vines, played brilliant golf to beat E. Ratcliffe by four and three.

Vines finished in level fours. In the third round, however, John. Baillieu, of Australia, defeated Vines by two and one.

This tennis player took 18 strokes for his first three holes, all of which he lost.

OTHER MATCHES

In the second round, I. Lyle of Liverpool beat the English champion, A. Bentley, by two and one.

Hector Thomson, former champion, was beaten two and one by C. Timms of Royal Liverpool.

James Bruen, the Irish champion, eliminated E. Hamilton by three and two.—*Reuter.*

Remarkable Indoor Bowling Feat

Scranton, Pa., May 18. Carl Mensenberg rolled one of the highest three-game scores in bowling history when he rolled 300-289-300-889.

The two perfect games boosted his number of "300" games to 11. He scored 22 consecutive strikes before leaving the seven pin in the second game's final box.

Mensenberg rolled a 300 game in the 1935 A.B.C. tournament of Syracuse, N.Y.—*United Press.*

Baseball

NEW YORK OUTFITS DEFEATED

Two Teams Blanked By Opponents

New York, May 24. The following were the results of matches played in the Major Baseball League to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
New York	0	5	0
Cincinnati	0	13	0

McCormick homered for the Reds. Batteries:—Reds, Derringer, Lombard.

Brooklyn	3	9	2
Pittsburgh	6	10	0

Camill homered for the Dodgers. Batteries:—Pirates, Bowman, Berres.

Boston	0	7	1
St. Louis	7	9	0

Batteries:—Cardinals, Davis, Franks.

Philadelphia	2	11	1
Chicago	3	7	1

Batteries:—Cubs, French, Mancuso.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit	6	10	0
New York	1	7	0

Gehring and Walker homered for the Tigers. Batteries:—Tigers, Trout, Tobolski.

Cleveland	6	11	2
Boston	2	4	1

Hudlin homered for the Indians. Batteries:—Indians, Hudlin, Hemsley.

St. Louis	0	8	4
Washington	10	14	3

Travis homered for the Senators. Batteries:—Senators, Chase, Early.—*Reuter.*

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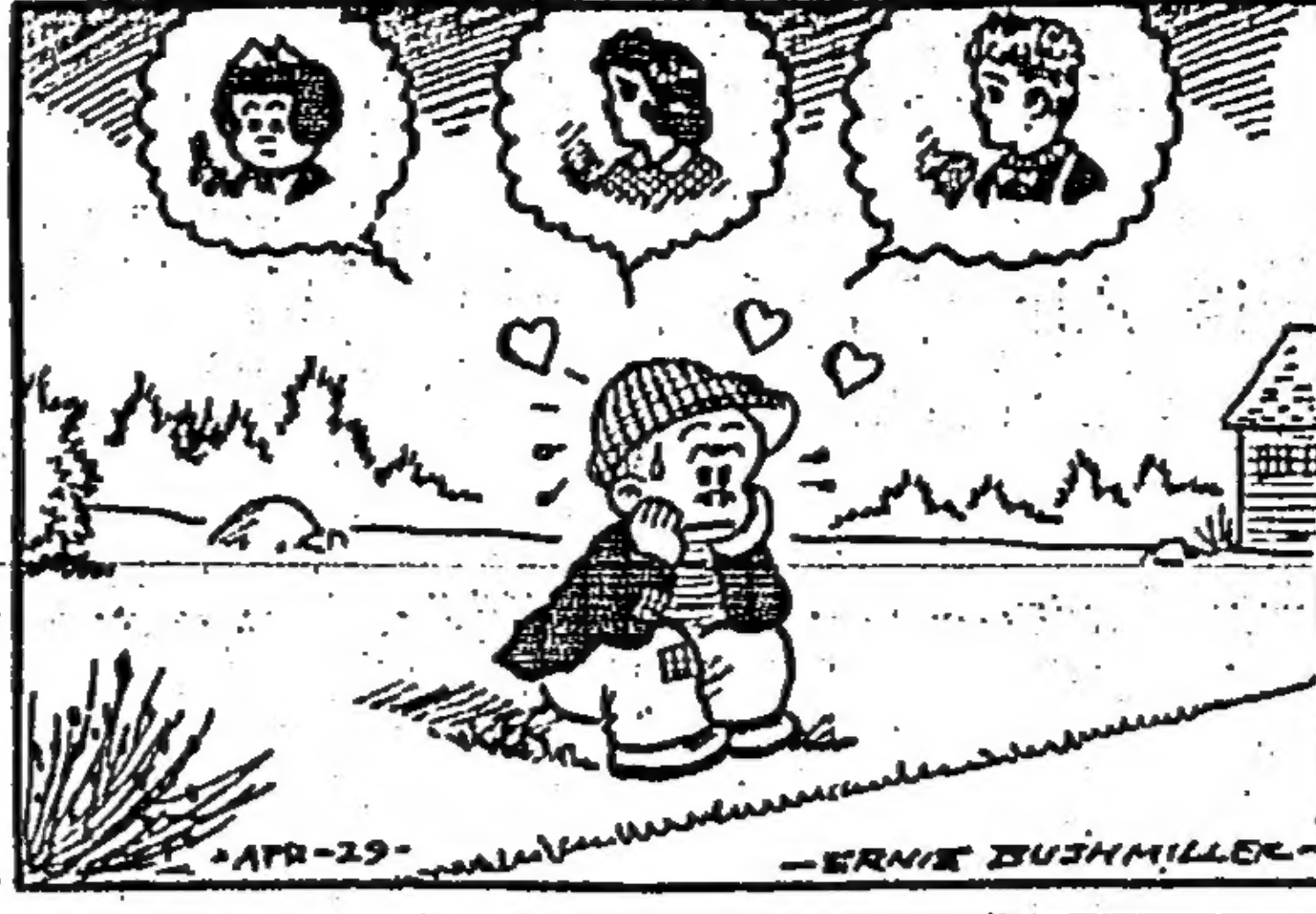
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The basketball team of the Diocesan Boys' School photographed recently.—King's Studio.

NANCY



D. R. JARDINE SUGGESTS A NEW SCHEME

SMALLER BALL MIGHT MAKE MORE ARTISTS OUT OF BOWLERS

That the balance between batsman and bowler might be restored by the adoption of a smaller ball—the ball in vogue at most preparatory schools, is suggested by D. R. Jardine in the *Daily Telegraph*.

"Put the small ball in the large hands of the average professional bowler," he says, "and let the experiment speak for itself. It can be counted a failure if it does not double the artists and halve the hacks."

There is high authority for coupling "the time with the seasons." The latter, fortunately as yet, change irrespective of the dictates of man—not so the times.

When we were very young we first began to appreciate in some measure the importance of the "C's" in life.

Many years ago the late Andrew Lang was fond of posing and himself answering this question: "What, speaking secularly, were the two most important things in our youth? The two "C's," represent the Classics and Cricket. On occasion even the order of precedence might be changed in deference to extreme youth or enthusiastic ignorance.

"Tempora mutantur"—yet the two "C's" have stood the test of time astonishingly well, even if Crisis and Conscription have perforce to be substituted for the originals.

There are enough "ifs" in all consensate about an English summer at any time, but if a full season's play is granted us, whether played in high summer or green winter, 1939 will come as something of a relief, at least by comparison with 1938.

DOMESTIC SEASON

A mere three Test matches rank a season to-day as a domestic season, in which the County Championship and such games as Gentlemen v. Players have a chance to stand out in fair perspective and recapture something of past glories.

The number of Test matches, be it added, is no true criterion for judging the strength of visiting teams. To English crowds West Indian cricket has never been lacking in colour, life and speed. Success at the gate helps towards success on the field.

This year, experiments with the game are to be continued, but by it said before our visitors have bowled a ball in a match over here, that they are a team against which no fancy experiments can be made with impunity in representative matches. The records of touring teams from these shores to the West Indies give small grounds for over-confidence on England's part.

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ENGINEERS BEAT R.A. AT CRICKET

Match Decided In Second Attempt

The second attempt to decide the Large Units Knockout Competition took place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week (the first match having been declared a draw on account of rain) when the Royal Engineers defeated the Royal Artillery by seven wickets.

Artillery batted first, and although losing 5 wickets for 16 runs, managed to compile the useful total of 107, thanks to a hurricane innings by Gnr. Barsby, who hit six fours in his 44.

The Engineers had 1½ hours butting on Tuesday evening and at the close were five runs behind with three wickets in hand, Goodger (20) and Shaw (42 not out) being mainly responsible for this happy position.

On the following day the remaining wickets only put on a further 18 runs (Shaw being bowled without adding to his score) and the Engineers led by 13 runs.

The Artillery's second attempt was not so successful, for, although at one time being 40 for 1, they only managed to compile 84, of which total Hodgson made 20. Denyer bowled 14.2 overs and came out with an analysis of 7 wickets for 29 runs, a great performance considering how the heat in every case troubled the fielding sides.

The Engineers, thanks to a breezy 35 from Spr. Heath and a confident 19 from Goodger managed to get the 72 required for victory without difficulty and the match closed at 5.15 on the second day.

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ROYAL ARTILLERY	
Lt. Hook, run out	2
Lt. Ingram, c. & b. Cork	5
Lt. Hodgson, b. Cork	20
Flintner, run out	0
Chaplain, b. Denyer	0
Spr. Carpenter, b. Heath	0
Burrows, b. Shaw	12
Barsby, c. Denyer & Cork	44
Spr. Marshall, not out	4
Carter, b. Land	4
Ward, b. Land	0
Extras	11
Total	107

ROYAL ENGINEERS	
run out	20
b. Burrows, b. Hook	13
not out	13
c. Marshall, b. Barsby	0
Extras	0
Total	43

BOWLING ANALYSIS	
R.E. 1st Innings	
Barsby	10 0 29 4
Skippworth	10 0 22 1
Ward	13 2 35 4
Hook	1 0 1 0
R.A. 1st Innings	
Goodger	8 0 22 1
Cork	4 2 18 1
Denyer	4 2 18 1
Shaw	5 2 31 1
Land	4 2 17 2

QUEEN MARY'S INJURY: PAIN TROUBLESOME

LONDON, May 24. AN OFFICIAL medical report issued from Marlborough House at 6.40 p.m. says that Queen Mary's progress is taking a satisfactory course, though stiffness and pain is troublesome.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

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May	10.25/36a
July	10.07b/14a
Sept.	10.08b/14a
Dec.	10.13b/17a
Mar.	10.16b/21a
May	10.16b/21a
Spot	10.16b/21a
Chicago Wheat	
July	78 3/4/78
Sept.	78 3/4/78



Sparkling, larking college youths rally round for a vote-chasing, co-ed-kissing governor in the new 20th Century-Fox comedy "Hold That Co-Ed," now showing at the King's Theatre. Above John Barrymore (centre) as the hilarious governor, watches the Big Game with Marjorie Weaver and George Murphy.

FORTY DIE IN SHEKKI RAID

MACAO, May 25.—The death-roll in yesterday's Shekki bombing exceeds 40, consisting of people awaiting transportation to Macao, fleeing from the Japanese-controlled regions of Shunak and Kungmoon. Refugees are again pouring into Macao, and they report heavy loss of life in Shekki due to machine-gunning from Japanese planes.

A tow-boat entered Macao harbour today with 11 people aboard wounded by machine guns.—Reuter.

SIX MATCHES SCHEDULED IN TENNIS LEAGUE

Altogether six matches are down for decision this afternoon in the "D" Division of the Hongkong Tennis League, three in Section I and three in Section II.

Most interesting game appears to be that in Section II between the Chinese R.C. and the Club de Recreio at Causeway Bay.

The following is the programme to-day:

SECTION I	
Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Tong Y.M.C.A.	1
Kowloon Indians v. Kowloon Dockers	2
SECTION II	
Chinese R.C. v. Club de Recreio	3
Indian R.C. v. Radio Sports	4
Civil Service C.C. v. South China A.A.	5

Boy, 3, Shaves Father

CLEVELAND, O. It may not be conducive to peace of mind, but James B. Pulling has taught his 3-year-old son, Charles, to shave him every morning with an electric razor.

SPORT ADVTS THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 27th and MONDAY, 28th May, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the submission of a written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27784) will close at 12 o'clock Noon on the First Day and at 11.00 a.m. on the Second Day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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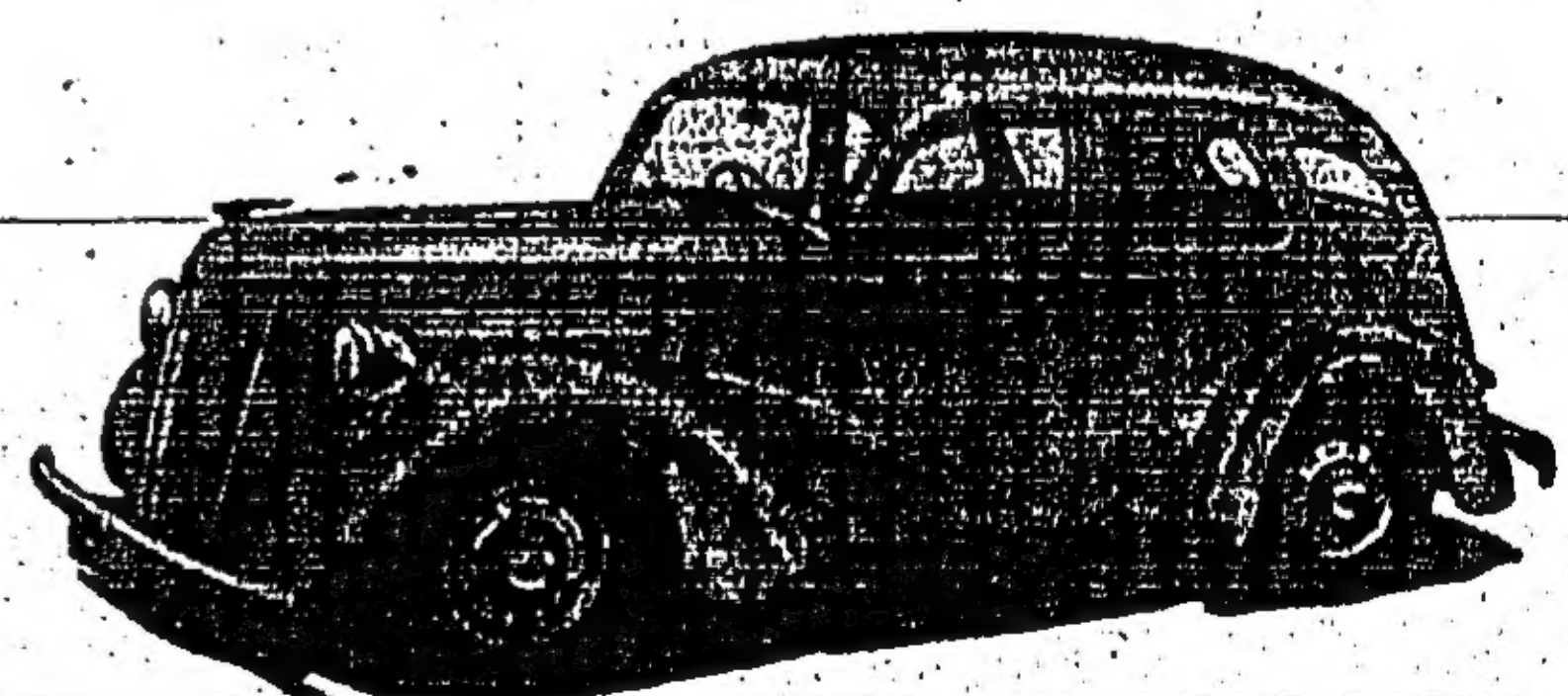
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Axis Air Chiefs In Conference

BERLIN, May 24.
It is announced that General Milch, Secretary of State in the German Air Ministry, left Berlin to-day for Rome where, on behalf of Field-Marshal Goering, he will discuss with Italian Air Ministers various questions arising out of the military alliance between Germany and Italy.

General Milch is accompanied by Colonel von Waldau, former Air Attache in Rome, and several officers of the German Air Force.—Trans-Ocean.

MADAME CHIANG HONOURED

CHUNGKING, May 25.

IN a simple ceremony, attended by some 150 foreign and Chinese women leaders, Madame Chiang Kai-shek was presented here with the Gold Medal of Honour of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs in recognition of her "indomitable courage and leadership in the crisis of her native land."

Announcement of the award was made as long ago as February 3, but the medal, after an odyssey covering more than half the world, arrived only very recently.

The presentation was made by Miss Katherine Boye, President of the International Women's Club of Chungking, on behalf of the women of America.

The medal has been awarded only six times since its institution 25 years ago. The last person to receive it was Madame Curie, the famous French scientist, in 1920. The honour is conferred only on "a woman who shall be deemed to have given exceptional service to establish peace among nations, for the welfare of children, the advancement of women or the spirit of humanity."

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL COURAGE
In making the presentation, Miss Boye said that Madame Chiang had been fittingly chosen for the honour because she possessed great courage, both physical and spiritual.

She had frequently gone to the front with the Generalissimo, had lived in cities frequently bombed, and had shown her contempt of danger by going to the hostile camp when her husband was a captive at Sian.

In a brief reply, Madame Chiang said she accepted the medal in the name of the womanhood of China.

The medal, borne by a girl in the middle, surrounded by smaller stars on all sides. In the centre of the large star is embedded a diamond.—Reuter.

Tax Revisions In United States

WASHINGTON, May 24.
Continuing his study of the tax revision proposals, President Roosevelt conferred with members of the Senate Finance Committee at luncheon to-day.

Meanwhile the Democratic economy bloc have challenged the President's plan to "spend and invest in national slavery" and, referring to the President's most recent speech, they said his six years' spending has failed.—United Press.

Life Saving In Hongkong

As life-saving classes in Hongkong will be commencing shortly, all information concerning formation and examination of classes, and necessary handbooks of instructions may be obtained from Sub-Inspector R. J. Hunt, local representative of The Royal Life Saving Society, Central Police Station.

Mr. Buckburgh, 92 Nathan Road, has reported that his dinghy, "Ivanoff" has drifted or been stolen from the 11½ mile beach. The boat is valued at \$100.

JAPAN ISSUES THREAT TO FRANCE

TOKYO, May 25.

JAPAN regards the reported engagement by the Chungking Government of 30 French military advisers as an "unfriendly act" by France, and a spokesman in the Foreign Office to-day told foreign correspondents that if the report is true, the Japanese Government will be compelled to take proper measures.

The spokesman did not explain what was meant by "proper measures," but he indicated that "the Government took a serious view of the report."

The "Nichi-Nichi Shimbun" to-day declares that there apparently exist some connections between France and the Soviet Union in their assistance to the Chinese National Govern-

ment by M. Arsene Cosme, that co-operation between France and Russia had no bearing on the Far East.

The paper urges the Government to make a demarche to France in view of the alleged inconsistency between the French Ambassador's assurance and the despatch of French military advisers to Chungking.—Domei.

TWO Japanese warships arrived off the coast at Tinpak, approximately 60 miles east of Kwangchowwan, on Tuesday afternoon and fired more than ten round ashore. There were several Chinese casualties.

On the same day a Japanese unit of 100 infantry, men and 30 cavalrymen attacked the Chinese positions at Falsien, 25 miles north of Canton. It encountered stiff Chinese resistance.

The Japanese have wrecked the bridge outside the west gate of Sun-wai to impede the Chinese advance on the city.

JAPANESE OFFENSIVE LOSES IMPETUS

Milo, Hunan, May 25.
After encountering stubborn Chinese resistance, a Japanese offensive in north Hunan has lost its impetus. At least 500 casualties are believed to have been suffered by the Japanese in the abortive attack on the south bank of the Sinsiang River south of Yoyang yesterday morning. Together with their casualties on the previous day the figure must have reached 1,000.

Intense Japanese bombardment dwindled into sporadic firing yesterday afternoon, when under the cover of smokecreens the Japanese busily removed their dead and wounded from the battlefield.

They set fire to many houses at Tansiching and Kaitien to cover their retreat.

TROOP TRAIN BOMBED

An Undisclosed Place, North Kiangsu, May 25.

A Japanese troop train at Sianchen, on the Lunghai Railway west of Hanchow in northern Kiangsu, and Japanese arms depots at Shuyang, southeast of Sianchen were bombed by a squadron of Chinese planes last Saturday.

Direct hits were scored, inflicting heavy losses.—Central News Messages.

Madame Chiang's Prize Cattle

CHUNGKING, May 25.

After a journey of over 2,000 miles overland, part of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's prize herd of cattle, comprising 32 Holsteins and Jerseys, has arrived in Chengtu, capital of the far-western province of Szechuen, from Nanking.

The journey began on November 10, 1937, about three weeks before the fall of Nanking.

In the first leg of their trip—from Nanking to Hankow—their train was bombed by Japanese aircraft at Hanchow, at the junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai railways.

The cattle crossed the Yangtze River at Hankow, and were taken by train to Changsha, capital of Hunan; from there they travelled by junks to Chengtu, by steamer to Chungking, and to Chengtu in motor lorries.

The herd had started off 75 strong, but epidemic and accidents took toll of 43.—Reuter.

Ambassador Leaving

His Excellency the British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark-Kerr, is expected to leave Hongkong for Shanghai either this evening or some time tomorrow.

He will probably travel by warship. The Ambassador returned to Hongkong on Monday morning from Chungking via Kunning, Hanoi and Halphong after an extended stay in the Chinese wartime capital. He was an eye witness of the appalling air raid staged by the Japanese in that city recently.

Arita On Europe

Tokyo, May 25.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hiroshi Arita, reported yesterday morning to the Privy Council on recent developments in the European situation, including the conclusion of the treaty of friendship and alliance between Germany and Italy.

Mr. Renzo Sawada, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, was invited by Premier Hiranuma to his official residence this morning. Mr. Sawada made a report on the Kiangsu affair and on other matters. Subsequently Mr. Sawada was closeted with Mr. Kozo Ohta, Chief Secretary of the Cabinet.—Domei.

Prince Paul And England Visit

LONDON, May 24.
REPORTS that Prince Paul of Yugoslavia would visit Britain in the near future were denied in London to-day, when it was pointed out that no such visit could be made before the end of July, as, after the King and Queen have returned from the United States, they will have a month's holiday in Scotland.

However, it is regarded as probable that Prince Paul may visit England unofficially during August or September.

Renouance of "official feaders" between London and Belgrade are also denied.—Trans-Ocean.

Disabled Assist New Movement

SHANGHAI, May 25.

THOUSANDS of crippled soldiers in China are being trained to work as productive and respectable citizens as a result of the recently inaugurated "industrial co-operative" movement, which aims at making China's growing army of incapacitated soldiers less dependent on the Government for support both during and after the war.

The movement was started following an appeal by Madame Chiang Kai-shek to "help the families of refugees, wounded soldiers and dead heroes to attain financial independence by such measures as the promotion of practical craftsmanship, the organization of handicraft industries, the imparting of new skill in farming and assistance in farming co-operatives."

Under an association styled the Chinese Industrial Co-Operatives, over 200 units, including spinning and weaving, printing, leather tanning, coal mining and transportation co-operatives, have been organized throughout China to help the wounded.—Reuter.

Stock Exchange In Good Mood

London, May 24.

The Stock Exchange was generally firm to-day as a result of a renewed upward trend in gilt-edged holdings on continued investment buying, and a more widespread belief that the international situation was distinctly easier.

Home rails responded to the excellent weekly traffic receipts, while Indian and Dominion loans strengthened in unison with gilt-edged securities.

Industrials met with increased support, as did the majority of oils. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

Six Divorces In Colony In 1938

SIX new petitioners begged the Hongkong Court, for one reason or another, to untie the wedding knot last year.

The Court had not dealt with two petitions by the end of the year, but it made eight decrees absolute, including four pending at the end of 1937. Divorce jurisdiction brought in fees amounting to \$638.50, compared with \$426.50 in 1937.

These figures are given in the annual report of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, which was tabled in the Executive Council this afternoon.

Japanese Seize Hongkong Junks

Chan Wing and Chan Yue-tai, masters of junks Nos. 406 and 1720H respectively, have just reported to the Police the loss of their boats to the Japanese on May 13.

The report states that they were sailing near Lin Tin Island on May 13 when a Japanese trawler came alongside and boarded their boats. They were put aboard another boat, and taken to Cheung Chau. The loss is about \$2,000.

War Insurance

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The Maritime Commission has submitted to Congress recommendations for legislation providing for Government's marine war-risk insurance and reinsurance, as well as the ordinary "slab" insurance Commission, which would administer the new services which were intended to meet the present emergency needs of water-borne commerce.—Reuter.

Money, jewellery and clothing to the value of \$88 was stolen from the residence of Yan Chuen at No. 9, Connaught Road West between 1 and 3 a.m. yesterday.

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4-Musical drama	4-Lovers	4-Flowers
5-High mountains	5-Small child	5-Grass
6-Geometrical figure	6-Grass	6-Grass
7-Broad office	7-Grass	7-Grass
8-Tool	8-Grass	8-Grass
9-Activity of stomach	9-Grass	9-Grass
10-Remains	10-Grass	10-Grass
11-Fruit	11-Grass	11-Grass
12-Japanese coin	12-Grass	12-Grass
13-Type of glove	13-Grass	13-Grass
14-Good friend (col.)	14-Grass	14-Grass
15-Risk	15-Grass	15-Grass
16-Maid's name	16-Grass	16-Grass
17-American humorist	17-Grass	17-Grass
18-Relative	18-Grass	18-Grass
19-Are	19-Grass	19-Grass
20-Type of carpet	20-Grass	20-Grass
21-Grass	21-Grass	21-Grass
22-Musical instrument	22-Grass	22-Grass
23-Winged (obsolete)	23-Grass	23-Grass
24-Famous Finnish runner	24-Grass	24-Grass
25-Like potato	25-Grass	25-Grass
26-Part of foot	26-Grass	26-Grass
27-Indoctrinate	27-Grass	27-Grass
28-Celtic language	28-Grass	28-Grass
29-Grass made from maple sap	29-Grass	29-Grass

DOWN

1—One who opens

2—Shown with gaping mouth (heraldic)

3—Historical periods

4—Lovers

5—Small child

6—Grass

7—Grass

8—Grass

9—Grass

10—Grass

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Proposal To Extend Retiring Age Limit CIVIL SERVICE PENSION COSTS: UNOFFICIALS ACT

The suggestion that the retiring age of Government officials should revert to 60 years in order to stem the rising tide of expenditure on pensions was made by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock this afternoon, when a Bill authorising the appropriation of a supplementary sum of \$3,426,243.48 came up for its third reading.

Sir Henry Pollock said:
I desire to say a few words on the item relating to pensions.

"In his speech on the Budget for 1939 (see Hansard 1939, at page 134) the Honourable Financial Secretary said: 'Taking sterling payments alone, the pensions Bill has more than doubled since 1930. There is no sign that the increase is yet coming to an end.'"

"I understand from the Honourable Member that the estimated amount required for pensions this year will be about two million nine hundred and seventy thousand dollars."

"This large outlay for pensions compels one to consider whether some remedy cannot be found to stem this rising tide of expenditure upon pensions."

"At the outset one is faced with the fact that it would be manifestly unfair to deprive Civil Servants of any rights in connection with pensions to which they are entitled by law."

"In these circumstances, I submit, for consideration, this suggestion which has been made to me, namely, that this Council should restore the retiring age of 60, which was laid down by Ordinance 2 of 1928, and should repeal the provisions of the Pensions Ordinance of 1932, which reduced the normal age of retirement to 55, and which even gave a Civil Servant the option provided that the consent of the Governor was obtained, of retiring at the age of 60."

Generous Allowances

"All the Unofficial Members feel strongly that with the present generous allowances for Home Leave, there is no reason why a Civil Servant should not serve the Colony until the age of 60."

The financial savings in pensions to the Colony, consequent on the restoration of the former retiring age of 60, are obvious.

Furthermore, I may point out that, by making the retiring age 60, it would be easier for the Home Expert, whom it is desired by the Unofficial Members that the Government should ask to make an actuarial estimate of our future liabilities for pensions, to make a reliable estimate of such future liabilities.

"In regard to the employment of such a Home Expert, the Unofficial Members unanimously consider that in view of the proposals for increased taxation which are now being mooted, it is desirable that such an actuarial estimate should be made even though it may cost the Colony a considerable sum."

"In conclusion, I would add that, of course, I do not expect the Government to pronounce any decision to-day upon the points which I have raised in this speech."

Wisconsin Fish Increase

MADISON, Wis. Wisconsin, in 1938, reared and planted 1,124,882,750 fish and preparations are now under way to meet a minimum quota of a billion fish again for this year. It was reported by the state conservation commission. Of the total 1938 planting, 9,435,456 were brook, brown and rainbow trout and 22,238,351 were lake trout.



This photograph of a cascade of much-needed water was taken on the Peak after the recent heavy rainfall.

24 False Fire Alarms

Some people appear to get their fun by turning in false fire alarms.

In 1938, the Hongkong Fire Brigade had to deal with 24 false alarms, out of a total of 245 calls. But worse than the practical joker is the man who calls up the brigade with malice aforethought.

On eight occasions the Hongkong brigade found that malice was responsible for needless excursions.

These facts are given in the Annual Report of the Hongkong Fire Brigade under the signature of the Chief Officer, Mr. T. H. King, which was tabled at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Monetary loss by fire during the year was estimated at \$602,000 but no mention is made of the value of property saved. The cost of maintaining the Brigade was just over \$400,000 as against \$37,404 during the previous year.

Mr. Maynard, 5 Garden Terrace, has reported to the Police the loss of his car, No. 2173, from the Star Ferry car park between 7 and 11 p.m. yesterday.

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